

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 13th December 2005, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr R Shields (Vice Chairman, in the chair)

Mrs D Edmonds (from Item 6)

Mr J Elliott

Mrs M Pickford

Mrs R Saunders

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance:

Two Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs G Byass (unwell), Mr I Sharpe (business)

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Mrs Edmonds - personal interest in Village Hall matters as Chairman of Management Committee and in Plantation matters as Council representative.

Mr Elliott - personal interest in Village Hall as Council representative and in Playing Field as fundraiser.

Mrs Pickford - personal interest in Village Hall as Committee member and in Plantation as Council representative.

Mrs Saunders - personal interest in Prestwold Estate matters as Secretary of PERS and in Playing Field as Council representative.

Mr Shields - personal interest in Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield matters arising from previous dealings with Estate.



3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the Minutes of the 1st November meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the acting Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING

Item 18 - Questions/comments. The Clerk advised that the original Burton on the Wolds website had fallen into disuse eighteen months ago when Mr Rod Ward left the district. Since then Council notices have been carried on the www.thewolds.org.uk site, operated by Mr Glenn Archer, of Walton.

5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Transport to Loughborough for Young People. It was agreed that, with little or no progress having been made over the last twelve months, this item be dropped from the Agenda.

Stanford Lane, Cotes. The Weight Restriction Order was published on 25th November with 16th December as closing date for objections.

Cotes speeding. Mr A Stenhouse of Stanford Lane has written asking what the Council is doing and, in the Clerk's absence, Mr Shields advised him of the position as recorded in last month's minutes.

Hedge, A60, Cotes. No action appears to have been taken as yet and Cllr. Shepherd will be asked to follow this up.

Verge Cutting, Burton. The Clerk distributed a summary of three quotations obtained. The lowest quotation, from Roma Landscapes, of £55 per cut and £12 to strim the Barrow Road jitty equates to £678 for 12 cuts and 3 strims or £915 for 15 cuts and 5 strims (the precise number will depend on growing conditions) and compares to £715 which the County Council are prepared to allow. It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried that the Roma quotation be accepted and that the Clerk endeavour to obtain final approval from the County Council on this basis.

Bus Services from Burton. Mrs Lindsay Staples had written to Cllr. Shepherd requesting better bus services from Burton to link with Barrow,

Walton, East Leake etc., with a copy to this Council. The meeting was adjourned briefly to allow Mrs Staples to expand on this. She has written a letter to the 'Link' requesting support from residents. It was agreed to monitor the reaction to this letter and to liaise with Cllr. Shepherd, before considering the matter further at the next meeting.

6 ENVIRONMENT

Aerosol Recycling Facility on Wymeswold Airfield. Mrs Pickford pointed out that the Borough recycling programme does not include collection of aerosols and it was agreed to suggest that it should do so, having this national facility within the Borough.

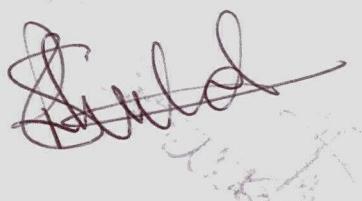
7 PLANNING

P/05/2929 - detached house on land at 5 Barrow Road, Burton. Advice has been received today that this application has been permitted, with Conditions, without going to Committee.

P/05/3128 - installation of roof lights, Manor Farmhouse, Cotes - listed building consent (Mr & Mrs K Byass). Consultation closed on 21st November and no comments were made.

P/05/1918 - proposed site for Residential Development, 40 Wymeswold Lane, Burton (Paul Veitch). The applicant has appealed to the Planning Inspectorate against the Borough decision to refuse permission. It was agreed to write to the Inspectorate reiterating the Council's opposition and pointing out that restrictions were imposed when the original wooden bungalow on this site was developed in several stages, and also drawing attention to highway access problems.

P/05/3231 - David Wilson Homes development, Melton Road, Burton. This consultation, which closed on 24th November, covered a number of changes to the previous layout, principally substitution of an eight dwelling back to back block and overall increase from 50 to 55 dwellings. After consultation, a reply was sent accepting the changes but requesting 10% uplift in Section 106 provisions to match the increase in dwellings. Additional landscaping concerns were raised in this letter which also reserved the right to speak should this come to Committee. Subsequently the Charnwood Landscape Officer has met with DWH and will consult us further.



Other DWH issues:

Street names. Charnwood Building Control have provided a list of property numbers, before the changes referred to above, and confirm that the names Hubbard Road and Mantelcroft Drive have been approved.

Bus Stop/Public Bench. A temporary bus stop has been put in place today. A site meeting to agree a permanent relocation will take place in January/early February and the developers have agreed to relocate the bus stop and bench once this is agreed.

Funding for Youth and Adult Recreation. A summary of three suggestions from local groups was circulated, these being:

- Cricket Club - contribution to new Pavilion
- Village Hall - portable staging and/or new floor
- Tennis Club - floodlights for tennis courts

A fourth, just received, from the PFA supports the Cricket Club and proposes a tarmac perimeter path around the field. It was agreed to request a meeting with Charnwood's Recreational Services Manager to discuss the acceptability of these various proposals before taking any view. Mrs Saunders and Mr Topham to accompany the Clerk.

Airfield Issues:

Science Park. The issue is going before Charnwood Cabinet later this week and it is understood that officers' recommendation is for a site on Ashby Road, Loughborough and that they reject Wymeswold Airfield. There is to be formal consultation in the New Year. At the Joint Councils meeting last week it was apparent that Hoton are opposed to the Andrew Granger proposals and that Wymeswold have not formally considered them.

Enforcement. An e-mail from Helen Robinson to the Chairman indicates unwillingness to change position on the motor cycle track day and Toyota issues. Discussions have taken place to move the portacabin 50 metres and to provide screening which would avoid the need to serve the Enforcement Notice. A request will be made for this Council and Hoton to be consulted about the screening arrangements.

Planning Inspectorate Appeals. Helen Robinson advises that a report from the noise consultants is expected soon and that we shall be contacted in the New Year to set up a meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk should

speak to Mr Hankin with regard to the concerns about Parish Council involvement arising from Peter Blitz' letter briefly discussed last month and listed in a memo from the Clerk, distributed at this meeting.

8 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A letter from Mr Paul Griffiths advises that the Borough is unwilling to permit a local letting policy for the rented homes on the DWH Estate though the position on shared ownership is less constrained. There is no confirmation of the split of the seven homes between these two categories.

Strong opposition to this ruling will be registered, pointing out the lack of infrastructure, the findings of the Parish Plan and the Rural Housing Enabler's Survey and the imposition of this housing upon the community without a corresponding benefit for locally connected people needing such homes. Confirmation that four homes will be for shared ownership will be requested.

9 PLANTATION

A meeting has been called for 10th January.

10 VILLAGE HALL

The pictures will be rehung in the Reading Room shortly. Curtains are to be fitted in the Main Hall. The Christmas Fair raised approx. £350. The Clerk will check with Mr Peter Harrison regarding the preservative applied to the 'Owl' and investigate provision of a cement collar at ground level to prevent further water penetration. The application to Central Networks for a grant towards Christmas lighting was unsuccessful.

11 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

There was nothing.

12 PLAYING FIELD

A £7,000 grant has so far been received towards the improvements. Further applications are being made.

A summary of three quotations for maintenance in 2006 had been

distributed and it was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the lowest, from Roma Landscapes, be accepted. The Clerk will arrange a meeting between Mrs Saunders and Mr Binini of Roma regarding additional requirements/clarifications.

13 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

There was nothing.

14 FINANCE

Bank balance at end November was £9014.83, including £509.89 in plantation funds. The external audit was finally completed with no adverse comments. The fee is in a higher band, £350.00, owing to the unusually high turnover related to the plantation purchase. The Audit Commission are consulting on proposed changes from next year but these will have little impact on this Council. A draft budget for 2006/7 will be available at the next meeting, when the Precept must be fixed. Members had no extraordinary items to propose; it was recommended that provision be made for the Clerk's eventual retirement package.

15 CHEQUES

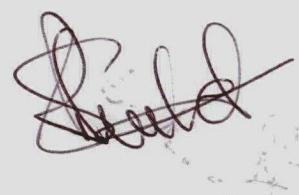
It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mrs Pickford and carried that the following cheques be authorised:

raised since last meeting:

Roma Landscapes	maintenance	460.25
Fosse Contracts	t/courts repainting	2,326.50

for signature tonight:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	835.85
Hacker Young	audit fee	411.25
AARPC	contribution	5.00
R Shields	plants	16.72
BOTW Village Hall	garden expenses	66.81



16 MISCELLANEOUS

Consultations from Charnwood '**Leading in Design - Disabilities**' and from the County '**Medium Term Corporate Strategy**' will be circulated. A Charnwood **Emergency Centre Questionnaire** was referred to the Village Hall Committee whilst a **Police Force Restructuring questionnaire** was noted. The **Chief Constable's Town & Parish Council meeting** clashed with this meeting tonight - an apology was sent. Details were to hand of the **Charnwood Citizens' Panel**, for which members are being recruited. A circular letter regarding **Village Design Statements National Database** will be referred to Mr John Hindley. Mrs Saunders had attended a **Charnwood Road Safety Committee meeting** at which it was advised that Community Officers will be replacing Traffic Wardens. Statistics from the meeting will be circulated.

New Electoral Registers have been received, showing the combined electorate as 894, up 5 on last year. Consideration was given to the date of next meeting, 3rd January. Although only three weeks ahead and immediately after the New Year holiday, it was decided to keep to this date with business restricted to the budget/precept and any other urgent matters.

17 PRESS RELEASE

To include changes to DWH development, Affordable Homes, 40 Wymeswold Lane Planning Appeal, Airfield enforcement issues, Youth and Adult Recreation funding, verge cutting, the Citizens' Panel, website, Electoral Register.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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Present:

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)
Mrs G Byass
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr J Elliott
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mr R Shields
Mr K Topham

In attendance:

1 Local Government Elector

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr K Davies (Clerk)

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Mr Sharpe – personal interest in all acts and proceedings relating to Charnwood Borough Council, as Ward Councillor.

Mrs Byass – personal interest in Prestwold Estate matters as a member of PERS.

Mrs Edmonds – personal interest in Village Hall matters as Chairman of Management Committee.

Mr Elliott – personal interest in Village Hall as Council representative and Playing Fields as fundraiser.

Mrs Pickford – personal interest in Village Hall matters as a Committee Member.

Mrs Saunders – personal interest in Prestwold Estate matters as Secretary of PERS and in Playing Field matters as Council representative.



Mr Shields – personal interest in Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield matters arising from previous dealings with the Estate.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Mr Topham and seconded by Mrs Byass and carried that the Minutes of the 4th October meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Mrs Pickford asked if after the word Sileby in the first paragraph the words ‘for the Science Park’ could be added for clarity and this was accepted by the Council.

In respect of Transport to Loughborough for Young People Mrs Edmunds reported that additional information received that this could be difficult but she will still contact LCC to discuss the matter further.

5 PROPOSED SCIENCE PARK

In a reply that the Council had received from Andrew Bamber of Andrew Grangers acting for the Proposer the only additional information that had been given was an approximate cost for infrastructure at between £6.0m and £6.50m but no number for dwellings which had been requested at the last meeting.

It was resolved to write and ask again for the number of dwellings required to fund this proposal and to inform Mr Bamber that we will now only respond to a formal consultation from CBC which is expected in January 2006.

6 TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS

Cotes Speeding. A reply has been received from LCC (David Mouland) confirming that they would add this location to the list of road which require investigation to carry out a traffic speed survey but could give no indication of timing on this.

Cotes Bus Shelter. A letter had been received from LCC confirming that a meeting will be arranged to discuss this matter.

Street Name Signs. The road signs for Seymour Road and Brook Street have still not been re-sited by CBC.

Traffic Calming Signs. The sign on Loughborough Road has now been re-sited as agreed with LCC.

Hedge A60 Cotes. Mrs Byass reported that the hedge from Back Lane on the A60 to Back Lane on the B676 was dangerous to traffic and asked if this could be taken up with the land owner. It was decided to contact the LCC as Highways Agent to ask them to look at the situation and take the appropriate measures needed.

7 ENVIRONMENT

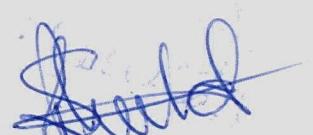
The Greyhound Inn Burton. The Licensing Committee at CBC had met and resolved following discussions with the owners to issue a licence for restricted opening hours, details of which have been posted on the Notice Board. The Clerk attended the meeting for the Council and but forward the views of the Council. The Council's objection to the Grant of a License had been withdrawn following the owners agreement to restrict the opening hours and limit to the entertainment.

Green Bag Refuse Collection. It had been brought to the Council's attention that CBC collected refuse from outlying farms and dwellings and stock piled the bags at the end of Wymeswold Lane and other locations. It had been reported to the Police that recently people had been spotted looking into these bags but it had since come to the Council's notice that these people were CBC Inspectors. They had discovered that some of the contents were of a personal nature which could lead to 'Identity Fraud' and it was resolved to bring this to the attention of the Parish via the press release in the 'Link'

Bush Shelter Melton Road. Some graffiti has appeared on the bus shelter and it was resolved to ask Peter Harrison to over paint this as soon as possible.

8 PLANNING

16 Melton Road - Detached Garage. The reply to this application was required to be submitted prior to the meeting and it was agreed with the Chairman that no objection be raised. Note Mrs Edmunds declared an interest in this matter as a neighbour and made no comment.



42 Wymeswold Lane - Extension to Existing House. No comment to be made as considered a neighbour issue.

34 Seymour Road – Listed Building Consent. - No objection or comment/

5 Barrow Road – New House. Strong letter of objection to be sent pointing out lack of amenity space for this proposal and existing dwelling, over dominant to property on Loughborough Road, lack of parking.

Bus Stop/ Seat Melton Road DWH Development. Further communication received from LCC and they are looking into the re-location of the Bus Stop. It was decided not to do anything at this time in respect of the seat and wait for the developer to make a proposal.

Landscaping DWH Development. A letter had been received from Mr & Mrs Oakland 23 Brook Street in respect of the landscaping to the area along side the access road running parallel with the brook and it was resolved to write and support their concerns on this matter.

Wymeswold Airfield. Letters had been received from CBC dated 4th 14th and 27 October in respect of continuing activities on the airfield that the Council consider to be outside the granted permissions and in respect of the enforcement for removal of the portacabin. The Chairman will take these matters up as Borough Councillor. The later letter was from Peter Blitz in respect of the pending planning appeal and it suggested that the Council should seek to have 'main party status'. It was agreed some time ago that we would not this position due to cost and the fact that the main lead should be taken by CBC. Mr Shields to speak to Peter Blitz CBC to discuss this matter and any further action to be delayed until the Clerk's return from holiday.

9 PLANTATION

It was confirmed by Mr Topham & Mr Shields that they were not seeking re-election to the committee as Council representatives following their resignation at the last meeting.

It was also confirmed that the resolution setting up the Plantation Management Committee was the there should be three Councillors as representatives.

It was resolved to accept the proposal from Mr Sharpe that the 'Notice of Motion' he had presented that the Council's representation should be changed to Council Nominees if there are no Councillors willing to stand be adopted. This was proposed by Mr Sharpe and seconded by Mr Elliott and agreed by the Council with 6 votes in favour and with two abstentions.

It was proposed that Mrs Cath Thomson be the Council's nominees as proposed at the last meeting and this again was agreed by 6 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

It was then resolved that the other two Council places should be Mrs Edmunds and Mrs Pickford. This was proposed by Mr Sharpe and seconded by Mr Elliott and agreed.

Mr Sharpe thanked Mr Topham & Mrs Shields for their work on behalf of the Council.

Mrs Saunders raised the matter of dog fouling in the Plantation and it was agreed that this should be a matter for the Plantation Committee but a note would be put in the Link within the Press Release.

The insurance on the Plantation was due for payment and it was resolved that the Parish Council should pay this on an annual basis as they did with other insurances for property etc under their control.

10 VILLAGE HALL

Mr Elliott was not at the last meeting of the Village Hall committee but Mrs Edmunds as Chairman of that committee informed the Council that the Reading Room had been decorated and carpeted.

Curtains for the main hall were to hand but not yet hung due to the fact that they may require to be fire proofed. This matter to be raised at the next Council Meeting if not done due to the poor acoustics in the hall for meetings.

Powergen have refunded £160.00 to the Council and also reduced the monthly payment from £110.00 to £50.00 now that they have sorted out the back payments.

11 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

A wheelie bin has been placed in the Burial Ground by CBC and they will empty it on a regular basis.



12 PLAYING FIELDS

A bonfire party will be held on 5 November at Manor Farm in aid of funds.

A letter had been received from the Playing Fields Association asking for confirmation of support from the Council to assist them in obtaining grants for future works on the playing fields. It was proposed by Mr Topham and seconded by Mrs Edmunds that a letter of support should be sent and this was agreed by all.

13 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Mr Elliott asked about the state of the footpath from Prestwold to Cotes and it was agreed that this and any overhanging hedges should be referred again to the LCC.

14 FINANCE

Half year comparison statement handed out and it was agreed that the position should be noted. No problems at this time or expected by year end.

15 CHEQUES

It was proposed by Mr Sharpe and seconded by Mrs Pickford and agreed by unanimous vote that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

Signed since last meeting

Mr Shields plants £54.37

For signature tonight

WHA Insurance Plantation £402.50

Staples Ink cartridges £105.25

16 MISCELLANEOUS

A letter had been received from Central Network E-Midlands in respect of grants for Christmas lights – this was handed to Mrs Edmunds for information and action as necessary.

Letter received from Land Registry reference to Voluntary Organisation – it was noted but no action to be taken.

17 PRESS RELEASE

Science Park matters
Green Re-cycling bags in respect of shredding material
Bus Stop DWH development
Burton Plantation
Burial Ground wheelie bin
Bus Shelter Cotes
Date of next meeting

18 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

A question had been raised with the Council in respect of the Village Web Site as this had not been updated for many months – Mrs Edmunds said she would try and find out what the situation was.

The Garden Club had again raised the matter of payment to the Village Hall for meetings and also some bulb planting that they had undertaken in the Millennium Garden. It was proposed by Mr Sharpe and seconded by Mr Elliott and agreed that the Council make a payment up to £100.00 to the Garden Club to cover that work that they do on the Millennium Garden to cover the cost of meetings, plants and plant maintenance.

Mrs Edmunds said that she would sort this all out through the Village Hall Committee and make the payment for the bulbs etc. to the Gardening Club and that the matter would be discussed further at the next meeting if necessary.

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 13 December to give the Clerk time following his return from holiday to prepare for the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm



MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 4th October 2005, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)

Mrs G Byass

Mrs D Edmonds

Mrs M Pickford

Mrs R Saunders

Mr R Shields

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance:

Mr R Shepherd (County Councillor) {Items 4 - 20}.

Approx. 50 Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Mrs Byass - personal interest in Prestwold Estate matters as a member of PERS.

Mrs Edmonds - personal interest in Village Hall matters as Chairman of the Management Committee.

Mrs Pickford - personal interest in Village Hall matters as a Management Committee member.

Mrs Saunders - personal interest in Prestwold Estate matters as Secretary of PERS and in Playing Field matters as Council representative.

Mr Sharpe - personal interest in all acts and proceedings relating to Charnwood Borough Council, as Ward Councillor.



Mr Shields - personal interests in Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield matters arising from previous dealings with the Estate and in Plantation matters as Council representative and Chairman.

Mr Topham - personal interest in Plantation matters as Council representative.

3 PROPOSED SCIENCE PARK AT WYMESWOLD AIRFIELD

Mr Andrew Bamber of Andrew Granger & Co was present for this item; copies of his Company's proposals were distributed to members and drawings had been exhibited in the Hall prior to the meeting.

Mr Bamber explained that his firm had been commissioned by Draper Properties and the Prestwold Estate to produce this submission to Charnwood Borough - it has already been lodged with them. They want to establish if there is local support for the package of proposals, which include housing developments at Burton, Cotes and Hoton, a by-pass road running across the Estate, further by-passes at Cotes and Hoton and extension of the Wymeswold Industrial Park. They are aware of local concerns about activities on the airfield and about through traffic in the Wolds villages; the proposal offers solutions to these. Other sites are also under consideration, including Ashby Road, Loughborough and a location in Sileby. Prestwold is not the front runner but he believes the proposal deserves serious consideration.

In response to members' questions, Mr Bamber said that the housing proposals were all on his clients' land but he could not say how many dwellings would be needed to fund the proposed by-pass from Wymeswold Lane to Prestwold Lane. It would be a significant number, perhaps 100/200 between the three villages. They believe that attaching them to existing settlements is the best solution. Concerns were expressed about the proposal for Burton being outside the limit to development, about school places, about the poor road connection to Loughborough via Cotes Bridge, and about the dangers of being lured into support for controversial developments should the proposed benefits not materialise. There are indications that the site may not fulfill EMDA criteria.

Other views recognised the benefits of closure of the racetrack and diversion of traffic. Further development of the airfield in some form may well be inevitable and this scheme could be advantageous. Some might feel that a single settlement would be better than scattering housing

around the villages.

Mr Bamber recognised the problems but said there is no Plan B should the Science Park be rejected. There is nothing in the Local Plan to permit other development on the Airfield. Even so, he cannot rule out other proposals in future for what he referred to as "this brownfield site" should the Science Park not be approved.

The meeting was then adjourned from 8.05 p.m. to 8.25 p.m. to permit questions from the audience, to which Mr Bamber responded.

On resumption, the view was expressed that the potential benefits cannot be obtained without substantial housing development. There is no other way that a bypass will ever be provided. The Chairman summarised that, whilst the Council is interested in the concept, a greater understanding of the costs and risks is required. It was agreed to respond to the Andrew Granger letter pointing out that more information is required about housing numbers before support could be offered and that it ought to be possible to provide this by estimating the cost of the proposed bypasses and, using an approved formula, to calculate the number of dwellings required to produce that sum.

A response from Mr Guy Longley regarding designation of the airfield within the Science Park consultation document as a brown field site was read. This is not altogether conclusive; the Industrial Park would be classified brownfield, the runway/taxiway system "could" fall within that definition.. The remainder would appear to fall outside it. PPG3 does not advocate development of previously developed land regardless of location. A number of factors must be taken into consideration.

4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Topham and carried that the Minutes of the 6th September meeting be accepted as a true and correct record, after deletion of "and Plantation" in Mrs Saunders' Declarations of Interest (Item 2).

5 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.



6 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Transport to Loughborough for Young People. Mrs Edmonds' reported that she had carried out an informal survey of local teenagers but there was no consensus. Whilst a number like to go to Loughborough on Friday evenings around 7.00/7.30 for various reasons, return times vary, making it difficult to make provision. Mrs Edmonds was thanked for this contribution, which she will discuss with the relevant County Council officer.

Vehicle Activated Signs. The County Council confirm that the side baffle was fixed to the wrong sign in error; a further baffle has been ordered for the Melton Road inner. The Loughborough Road sign, which was damaged recently, is due to be relocated shortly.

Provisional Local Transport Plan. This has now been released for consultation and the Summary document had been distributed to Members. It was noted that there is reference to a Wymeswold by-pass, with £100,000 allocated for studies in 2010/11, but no mention of Burton. It was agreed to respond pointing out that Burton has similar problems to Wymeswold and requesting that Burton be joined with Wymeswold in these studies.

It was also agreed to revive the correspondence with Mr Simon Lawrence about weight restriction issues in Burton, which has been suspended since April 2004, now that this consultation is under way.

Cotes Speeding. The comments made by Inspector Yallop at the September Joint Councils meeting had seemed inadequate. It was felt that more needs to be done to slow traffic both on the A60 and on Stanford Lane. Various possibilities were discussed and it was agreed, in the first place, to request that the County Council (Mr David Mouland) arrange a full traffic speed survey.

Cotes Bus Shelter. The wooden shelter is in poor condition and overgrown. A better location for it would be at the stopped off end of Back Lane and a request for this will be made to the County Council.

Temporary Closure, Barrow Road, Burton. Barrow Road is now scheduled to be closed for resurfacing from 5th to 7th October.

Pending Closure, Melton Road, Burton. The section from Wymeswold Lane to the A46 is scheduled to be closed for resurfacing for approx. one week from 17th October.

Melton Road, Burton Traffic Signs. The '40' signs are still obscured by vegetation and this will again be reported.

Damage to Pillar at Lions' Mouth. One of the pillars was broken off during police supervised one-way working whilst a truck was stranded at the Fountain House bollards recently. The Clerk was authorised to arrange repairs and to request that the County Council repaint the bollards.

BURSAG. Recent copy correspondence re British Gypsum speeding on Paudy Lane will be circulated.

7 VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

The overdue consultation draft has now been received and includes a highly detailed Sustainability Appraisal Report as well as many amendments requested by GOEM. These bureaucratic excesses seem far removed from the spirit in which the VDS was conceived two years ago but a response will be sent reiterating support for the document.

8 ENVIRONMENT

Grass cutting in Burton. Mr Andrew Lorimer has now advised that the County Council could pay a total of £715 per annum to cut nine cycles of 5796 sq. metres of verges and three cycles of 255 sq. metres of strimming jitties, subject to reaching agreement with their contractor. It was agreed to invite those contractors quoting for the Playing Field etc., for 2006, to quote separately for this work and to add the small triangle of land at the top of the jitty from Melton Road to St Andrews Close. A decision whether to proceed further will be taken when this information is to hand.

The Greyhound Inn, Burton. A date for the Licensing Committee hearing is still awaited. The Chairman understands there is a backlog of applications to be worked through. Notice of an application to the Transfer Sessions for transfer of the licence to Mr Graeme Watson and Mr Christian Roberts has been received.



Lion's Mouth Fountain. The water is flowing normally again; it is believed that Mr Myring cleared it.

A A R P C. The Clerk attended the September meeting and advised that there was little of local interest. He queried the value of continuing to attend unless there were agenda items of particular importance to our communities.

Planters. Mr Shields advised that seasonal restocking is due and he was authorised to incur appropriate expenditure.

9 PLANNING

DWH Development, Burton. Heavy ground clearance began last week. It has not yet been possible to meet with the Arts Officer to discuss proposed artwork. The Recreational Services Manager has advised that there are no written guidelines for the recreational contribution. She will decide what is acceptable, added recreational value being the critical factor. The various local clubs/organisations will now be asked for their suggestions. Following comments from some local residents, it was agreed to amend the suggestions for street naming to 'Hubbard Close' and 'Mantelcroft' and to advise the Borough Council accordingly.

Airfield Enforcement. There has still been no response from Mr Hankin to our request in July for further details as to how the co-operation in defence of the Appeals is to work. The enforcement notice against the portakabin authorised on 25th August has still not been served. A response from Legal Officers regarding the motor cycle 'Track Day' on 2nd September, promised a fortnight ago, has not been received. Urgent responses will be requested on all these issues.

Residents have reported that during the recent three week Toyota event, four wheel drive vehicles were using unauthorised areas in the field to the south of the tree screen. Photographic evidence has been sent to the Enforcement Officer and it is understood that a resident has sent a video showing the transgressions direct to the Borough Council.

The Chairman advised that he has not yet taken up the issue of establishment of the racetrack with the Charnwood Chief Executive and was asked to pursue the question.

10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

An e-mail from Mr Griffiths to the Chairman details the issues which the Borough are considering with regard to a local letting policy. He is unable to give a timetable for resolving the issue as a number of senior people are involved. It was agreed to press Mr Griffiths for further news and to ask how many people on the Borough's housing list have asked to live in Burton.

Meantime the Borough Council had advised that they intended to adopt an Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document on 23rd September. Amongst other things, this provides for minimum 30% affordable homes on new housing schemes and expects that at least 75% of all new affordable housing in the Borough will be for social renting, although local situations will vary.

11 PLANTATION

Mr Shields advised that two working parties had been clearing ponds, etc. There were no nominations from amongst Members to fill the vacant place on the Sub Committee. As an alternative, it was suggested that a non-Member could be nominated to represent the Council. It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mrs Pickford and carried, on the Chairman's casting vote, that Mrs Cath Thomson be invited to accept such nomination. Mr Shields and Mr Topham gave notice that they would resign from the Committee as this was unacceptable to them. Mr Topham made clear that this was a matter of principle and implied no criticism of Mrs Thomson.

12 VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Edmonds advised that a successful Folk Evening had taken place the previous Saturday. The Hall will be closed from 12th to 21st October for further redecoration.

13 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

It was noted that the entrance to the Burial Ground is very overgrown and untidy and Roma Landscapes will be asked to clear it.



14 PLAYING FIELD

Invitation to tender for ground maintenance next year will be sent to three contractors, including Roma Landscapes. A paper outlining a proposed Improvement Scheme was distributed and it was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mr Topham and carried that this be supported. Mrs Saunders advised that a further cut is needed and Roma will be called in.

15 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

There was nothing.

16 FINANCE

There was nothing.

17 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mrs Pickford, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

Signed since the last meeting:
Roma Landscapes maintenance 282.00

For signature tonight:
K W Davies salary/expenses 408.50

18 MISCELLANEOUS

All significant matters from the **Joint Councils meeting** on 8th September have been covered elsewhere. The Clerk will be away from 29th October to 2nd December. A Charnwood Borough **consultation on Student Housing** and a **questionnaire on Community Cohesion** were noted. A Leicestershire Rural Partnership **proposed Service Co-ordination Event** in Burton will be passed on to the Village Hall Committee, at Mrs Edmonds' suggestion. The County Council's **Trafalgar Bicentenary Service** was noted.

A response to the Electoral Registration Officer's request will be sent advising that no changes to the **current number of Parish Council seats** are required. It was suggested that **Product Recall information** supplied by the Standards Officer be displayed on the Notice Boards.

19 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the Science Park, Transport Plan bypass issue, speeding in Cotes, the recreation contribution at the DWH site, amended street naming recommendation and VDS.

20 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

These concerned a 20 mph speed limit around Burton School and it was suggested that the issue should be raised with the School Governors, to liaise with Cllr. Shepherd

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Smith".

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 6th September 2005, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)

Mrs G Byass

Mr J Elliott

Mrs M Pickford

Mrs R Saunders

Mr R Shields

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance:

Three Local Government Electors

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Pickford on her return to the Council.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs D Edmonds (business)

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Mrs Byass - personal interest in Prestwold Estate matters as a member of PERS.

Mr Elliott - personal interest in Village Hall matters as Council representative.

Mrs Pickford - personal interest in Village Hall matters a a Management Committee member.

Mrs Saunders - personal interests in Prestwold Estate matters as Secretary of PERS and in Playing Field and Plantation matters as Council representative.

Mr Sharpe - personal interest in all acts and proceedings relating to

Charnwood Borough Council, as Borough Councillor.

Mr Shields - personal interests in Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield matters arising from previous dealings with the Estate and in Plantation matters as Council representative and Chairman.

Mr Topham - personal interest in Plantation matters as Council representative.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Topham and carried that the minutes of the 12th and 19th July meetings be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Transport to Loughborough for Young People. It was noted that this item has been listed since February and it was hoped that Mrs Edmonds would be able to progress or remove it from consideration next month.

Vehicle Activated Signs. The side attachments promised for the Melton Road inner sign appear to have been fitted to the Loughborough Road VAS in error. This latter sign has not yet been resited. The Clerk will pursue with County Highways.

Provisional Local Transport Plan. Consultation on this plan, which it is hoped will clarify the various outstanding local traffic issues, is due to commence on 26th September for twelve weeks. Bypass issues are tabled for discussion at the Joint Councils meeting later this week but as yet the provisional plan has not been released to the public.

Road Signs, Seymour Road/Brook Street, Burton. Mr Norman Perkins, Engineering Manager advises that he has made a site visit and agreed with the occupier of 10 Seymour Road that bushes be cut back so that the Brook Street sign is again visible. He and the occupants of Nos. 10 & 12 Seymour Road believe that this should solve the problem. Members did not agree since the location of this sign is misleading. Mr

Perkins will again be asked to have it moved, either on to or in front of the western end of the wall to No. 2 Somerset Close (Corner House).

Chapel Lane, Burton. All formalities have been completed and the Chapel Lane designation is now approved. Mr Perkins is placing an order for one wall mounted and one free standing sign.

A60 Cotes speeding. A reply from the Police Road Safety Unit advises that between 22-25 July a covert speed detection device found 77.8% of drivers were exceeding ACPO guidelines (10% + 2 above speed limit, i.e. over 35 mph). Due to lack of collisions, though, they are unable to undertake enforcement with camera vans. Road Traffic Police will undertake enforcement commensurate with other duties.

Mrs Byass had obtained a copy letter from Mr Graham Compton, Senior Traffic Management Officer, to a local resident advising that, as a consequence of the above, officers from the Road Policing Unit had visited the site and dealt with fourteen motorists for exceeding the speed limit.

It was felt that the situation remains unsatisfactory and, since the newly appointed Quorn LPU Commander will be attending the Joint Councils meeting on 8th September, it was agreed to take up these issues with her then.

Stanford Lane, Cotes, HGV restriction. There has been only slow progress on this issue since the council gave its support to the proposals in March. Mr Coeshaw, who has been handling it, is off sick and Mr Majewicz now advises that, as at 25th August, agreement to joint advertising is being sought from Nottinghamshire CC.

Footway alongside B676, Cotes to Prestwold. County Highways have apologised for the delay and work has in fact started today.

Pending Closure of Barrow Road, Burton. We are advised that Barrow Road is expected to be closed and a diversion in place for approx. two days, commencing 19th September.

Charnwood Road Safety Committee. Mrs Saunders attended a recent meeting and relevant literature will be circulated. There is no prospect of progressing the issue of hand held speed cameras to residents, for both health/safety and financial reasons.

Melton Road, Burton traffic signs. There is no left hand turn sign for Wymeswold at the eastern end of the village, and the '40' signs outward on this section are obscured by foliage. Both will be reported.

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ENVIRONMENT

Travellers' sites in Charnwood. There is no further news.

Grass cutting in Burton. Mr Andrew Lorimer did not expect to be able to respond to the enquiry about devolving this operation to the Parish Council by tonight, and has not done so. They do have such an arrangement with two Councils but the financial allowance is not great since it creates a need to compensate their contractor for loss of work. It was noted that the quality of cutting has improved recently.

Tree Preservation Order, Hall Drive, Burton. A copy of the Schedule has been obtained and circulated.

The Greyhound Inn, Burton. There has been strong local reaction to a notice posted outside the village pub advising that the new owners, Everards Brewery, have applied, under the new Licensing Act 2003, for a greatly extended licence including live and recorded entertainment and dancing and for the premises to be open until 1.30 a.m. weekdays and 2.30 a.m. at weekends. Intervention by Quorn LPU Inspector Cathy Yallop has resulted in withdrawal of the application for dancing and proposed closing has been amended to 12.30 a.m. weekdays and 1.30 a.m. weekends. She has been told that the Greyhound is to become an upmarket restaurant and it has in fact been closed this week for a period, for refurbishment.

Many residents have written to complain to the Borough Council (the new licensing authority) but they have said that 56 of these complaints will not be accepted, as supposedly not meeting the legal criteria. The Council has kept residents informed through the Notice Board and website and has made its own protest on behalf of residents. The Licensing Officer has confirmed that this protest is accepted and the meeting of the Licensing Committee to decide the application is now awaited. The Chairman has raised concerns about the process at senior level at the Borough and more experienced personnel are being drafted in, in response. He expressed concern that this legislation makes no provision for local accountability and that Ward Councillors and Parish Councils are excluded from the process.

Councillor Shields reported an incident when guard dogs, apparently belonging to the then temporary manager at the Greyhound, ran loose and a dangerous situation arose with passers by. This will be reported to the Brewery.

Planters. The County Council licence has now been received.

Registered Common Land and Open Country. The conclusive maps have now been received and contain no surprises.

Village Design Statement. The further consultation has again been delayed. Mr Hindley, leader of the project, has been advised by Charnwood that further changes are required.

Lion's Mouth Fountain. The water flow has reduced to a trickle within the last few days. The Clerk will investigate.

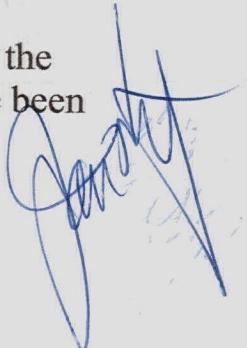
7 PLANNING

DWH Development, Burton. It is hoped that the meeting with Simone MacLaine, Arts Officer, regarding the public art will take place shortly. There is no further news as yet regarding the playground. The Recreational Services Manager, Ms Julie Robinson, advises that the Parish Council may propose a scheme or schemes to utilise the Section 106 Recreation Space Contribution (estimated at £25,000). Any such scheme must add recreational value - a children's play area would not qualify but a games room, football pitches, bowling or tennis facilities, youth shelter etc., would. This contribution from the developer would be triggered by completion of the 25th dwelling.

It was agreed to ask for a written definition of what is acceptable, which will then be distributed to all recreational clubs/organisations locally with a request that they submit proposals to the Parish Council by end October.

E/03/0047 - Airfield Enforcement. There has been no reply as yet from Mr Hankin to the request for clarification of arrangements for joint defence of the appeal. Meantime a further appeal has been lodged against the enforcement notice itself. It is understood from the Inspectorate that the two appeals will be heard together.

A commercial event (Toyota) has begun at the airfield today, despite the Enforcement Notice. Several very large (temporary?) buildings have been



erected at the western end of the runway, perhaps in support of this event. A petition, sponsored by Everyman Racing, has appeared in the garage shop requesting support for the commercial proposals and this is also being presented door to door. It was agreed to advise the Borough Council of this development but to take no other action pending further developments.

Mr Topham pointed out that, even if the appeals fail, the recreational activities will still be permitted and this could lead to great disappointment amongst residents who may not all appreciate the nuances of the different types of activity. He believes that there is still a need to challenge the Borough decision to allow establishment of the racetrack without planning consent. The Chairman agreed to take this matter up with the Charnwood Chief Executive; he understands that there is still a four year period in which that decision can be challenged.

P/05/1638 - retention of temporary Portakabin on Airfield. This application came before Plans Committee on 25th August and was refused, Mr Topham having addressed the Committee on the Council's behalf.

Estate/Airfield Liaison. Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe has not responded to the letter sent following the last Council meeting. Mr Shields commented on press reports that the County Show will be held at Prestwold next year; once again there has been no consultation with the community whatsoever. It was agreed to write to Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe expressing disquiet at this further lack of consultation.

Track Days. An extremely noisy motor cycle event took place on 2nd September, with 30/40 machines on the track at a time. There were many complaints and the Clerk reported that he had to give up trying to work at home in the afternoon due to the incessant noise. Although internet reports refer to this as a Rider Skills Day, it appears that this is exactly the same kind of event which the Estate agents agreed to withdraw voluntarily two years ago, under threat of enforcement action by the Borough Council, the only difference being that these are two, not four wheeled machines. It was agreed to make a forceful protest.

P/05/1918 - site for residential development, 40 Wymeswold Lane, Burton (Mr P Veitch). This outline application was refused under officers' delegated powers.

P/04/1874 - 40 Wymeswold Lane. Permission was given last year for replacement of a timber stable to the rear of these premises by a block work rendered stable. It has been noted that this building now appears to comprise living accommodation and this will be reported to Development Control.

2003/2313/02 British Gypsum Ltd. This application to LCC is for permission to import additional quantities of gypsum by road to Barrow Works for a temporary period whilst a replacement mining machine is awaited. The deadline having been 26th August, Members had been consulted and a response sent consenting, subject to routeing via A46/Six Hills/Paudy Lane and with an eighteen month maximum period.

P/05/2015 - extensions at Ashbrook Farm, Six Hills (Mr & Mrs G Bewley).

and

P/05/2038 - extensions at 57 Melton Road (Mr M Searson).

and

P/05/2309 - replacement conservatory at Valley Farm, Melton Road, Burton (Mr & Mrs R Eggleston). All three had deadlines before tonight and no objections were raised.

P/05/2380 - single storey extension to 15 Sowters Lane, Burton (Mark Moorhouse). There was no objection.

P/05/2486 & 7 - two storey extension to rear of 19 Loughborough Road, Burton [listed building] (Mrs D Charles). There was no objection subject to listed building criteria applying.

P/05/2562 - two storey extension to rear of 45 Barrow Road, Burton (Mr & Mrs Haywood). There was no objection.

Amendments to Limits of Development. The Borough have prepared new maps for Burton and Cotes (Prestwold is subject to countryside policies) and request comments. These maps are as before except that the DWH development has now been incorporated within the Burton limits. It was agreed to raise no adverse comment.



8 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mr Paul Griffiths advises that the Council's proposals 'break new ground' and it is taking time to explore the full implications. He cannot give a full response as yet. Members expressed concern at this situation and the Chairman will take it up directly.

9 PLANTATION

Current funds amount to £509.89.

The following resolution, of which proper written notice had been given, was proposed Mrs Saunders and seconded Mr Elliott:

that the committee of the Burton Community Wood should consist of two Parish Councillors and four village residents instead of three councillors and three residents.

During debate the following comments were made:

- residents contributed a great deal of money and the Council none.
- the Council raised considerable sums from Borough and County as well as leading the fund raising effort locally. It is to its credit that it did not have to use Council Tax payers' money.
- there was no clamour from residents anxious to participate when volunteer committee members were sought at the inaugural public meeting.

The motion was defeated on the Chairman's casting vote.

Nominations to fill the place vacated by Mrs Saunders will be requested at the next meeting.

Mr Shields advised that pond clearing is in hand. There have been problems from residents dumping garden rubbish in the boundary ditch. This is to be deplored and it was agreed to make strong reference to the problem in the Press release.

10 VILLAGE HALL

The insurance premium, now due, is up by 10% year on year, to £878.77. The laboratory report on the Owl, by Restoration UK Ltd, is more reassuring than expected. There are two types of fungi, of types found on damp, untreated timbers. They recommend a good solvent based preservative, followed by a water repellent. Retreating may be necessary every one or two years. A cement collar at the base has also been recommended. It was decided to approach Mr Peter Harrison to carry out this work. Mr Topham would also be prepared to assist.

Mr Elliott reported that the boundary wall facing Loughborough Road had been repaired.

11 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

There was nothing.

12 PLAYING FIELD

A cheque has been received from the Tennis Club for £2395.00, the nett cost of refurbishment.

Details of disabled access grants have been notified by Charnwood. Mrs Saunders pointed out that this was too late to be of use as such work has already been carried out.

13 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

There was nothing.

14 FINANCE

Up to date bank statements will not ordinarily be available now that meetings are held a week earlier. Funds at 31st July totalled £10,661.60, including £754.89 plantation. Details of Charnwood grants for replacement notice boards have been received and a request will be formulated.

15 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Pickford and carried that the

following cheques, signed since the last meeting, be authorised:

James Muston Fencing	plantation	245.00
E & B Plumbing	V/H service	94.00
Severn Trent Water	PFA	57.14
"	Allotments	2.75)
"	B/Ground	6.42)
Roma Landscapes	Maintenance	249.10
APLC	Standing Orders	6.00

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Topham and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed tonight:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	858.55
Aon Ltd	V/H insurance	878.77
Restoration UK	Lab. analysis	94.00
Fosse Contracts	Tennis Courts	2814.13

A cheque to Roma Contracts in May was wrongly shown on page 2765 as £248.10. This should have read £249.10.

16 MISCELLANEOUS

All members are invited to attend the **Joint Councils Meeting** on 8th September, it being this Council's turn to host. Mrs Edmonds has kindly volunteered to provide refreshments. **The Clerk** will be taking an extended holiday throughout November and exceptional arrangements will need to be made for the meeting that month. Mr Shields volunteered to deputise. Advices about the **Charnwood Events Forum** and the **Charnwood News** next issue were noted, as was the **County Service** on 9th October.

17 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover advance notice of the Section 106 recreation space contribution, airfield developments, the plantation garden rubbish problem, Chapel Lane, the Cotes speeding issue, Greyhound licensing proposals and the better news about the Owl.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.48 p.m.

MINUTES of reconvened meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 19th July 2005, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)

Mrs G Byass

Mr J Elliott

Mrs R Saunders

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

Four Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs D Edmonds (business)

Mrs M Pickford (prior engagement)

Mr R Shields (holiday)

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Mr I Sharpe - personal interest in all acts and proceedings relating to Charnwood Borough Council, as Borough Councillor.

Other Members' disclosures from meeting 12th July remain in force.

3 PLANNING

Planning Inspectorate Appeal APP/X2410/A/05/1182413 (by Prestwold 1966 Settlement and Everyman Tangerine against Planning Refusal P/04/1901. The draft additional submission to the Inspectorate was discussed and a number of amendments agreed. The Clerk will redraft the document and, after consultation with the Chairman, submit it before the 26th July deadline.

A response from Mr David Hankin, Charnwood Director of Development was read advising how Charnwood will defend this Appeal and confirming that they are prepared to take this Council into their confidence. They confirm that there will be a Public Inquiry but do not



anticipate that it will be before April 2006. A reply will be sent asking how the proposed co-operation with the Parish Council will work.

A query was raised about lack of response from the Charnwood Chief Executive to the formal complaint about delay in implementing the Enforcement Notice. This will be investigated and followed up.

P/05/1918 - site for residential development, land adjacent to 40 Wymeswold Lane, Burton (Paul Veitch). This outline application for erection of 3/4 bungalows has just been received, with a deadline for response of 8th August. It was agreed to oppose it strongly as being outside the limits to development, quoting refusals of similar proposals as precedent.

P/05/1433 - erection of one detached and two semi detached dwellings on land opposite 1 - 5 Stanford Lane, Cotes. It was noted that this application has been withdrawn.

4 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that a cheque to Staples Ltd for laminates etc., £27.87, be authorised and signed.

5 PRESS RELEASE

The decision regarding the Planning Appeal will be issued as an 'Airfield Update'.

All business being concluded, the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 12th July 2005, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr R Shields (Vice Chairman, in the chair)

Mrs G Byass

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr J Elliott

Mrs R Saunders

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance:

Mr R Shepherd (County Councillor) [items 1 - 9]

One Local Government Elector

The Acting Chairman welcomed Mrs Byass to her first meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr I Sharpe (family engagement)

Mrs M Pickford (holiday)

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Mrs Byass - personal interest in Prestwold Estate matters as a member of PERS.

Mrs Edmonds - personal interest in Village Hall matters as Chairman of the VHMC.

Mr Elliott - personal interest in Village Hall matters as Council representative.

Mrs Saunders - personal interests in Prestwold Estate matters as Secretary of PERS and in Playing Field and Plantation matters as Council representative.



Mr Shields - personal interests in P/04/2834 and in Wymeswold Airfield matters by acquaintance with applicants and in Plantation matters as Council representative and Chairman.

Mr Topham - personal interest in Plantation matters as Council representative.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mr Topham and carried that the Minutes of the 14th June meeting be accepted as a correct record and signed by the acting Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Transport to Loughborough for Young People. Mrs Edmonds had nothing to report. She will make enquiries and report back to the next meeting.

Vehicle Activated Signs. The Loughborough Road sign has not yet been moved. Mrs Edmonds (*who declared a personal interest in this issue, the sign being outside her property*) advised that that the side attachment to the Melton Road inner sign has not yet been fitted; she will take this up directly with County officers. Councillor Shepherd provided a copy of the latest County policy on VAS and this will be circulated, as will a copy letter from BURSAG.

Proposed Wymeswold Bypass. The 'Loughborough Echo' reports that this has appeared on a five location shortlist drawn up by the County Council. There is no reference to bypassing Burton. This appears to be a leak from the impending Provisional Local Transport Plan. Councillor Shepherd advised that this will be published shortly and that there is £100,000 set aside for research though nothing for construction within the five years covered by the Plan. It was agreed to await publication before taking any action though it should be tabled for discussion at the Joint Councils meeting in September.

Road Signs, Seymour Road/Brook Street, Burton. The main problem is that the Brook Street sign visible to those coming down Seymour Road from the village centre is actually on a wall on the leftward extension of Seymour Road. The Borough Council have agreed to make a site visit shortly to assess the situation.

Cotes issues. One of the '30' signs on Stanford Lane (outside Manor Farmhouse) is facing the wrong way and this will be reported. The '30' limits on both Nottingham Road and Stanford Lane are little respected and action will be requested. It may be that VAS will have an application here. It was reported that 47 parishes in Nottinghamshire are being trained to use radar guns. Councillor Shepherd provided a recent letter from County Highways advising that consultations about the proposed 7.5 tonne weight restriction on Stanford Lane had been supportive.

Footway alongside B676, Cotes to Prestwold. Despite earlier promises, this footway has not been cleared and the problems are worse than ever. A forceful reminder will be sent.

Damaged Pole, B676, Loughborough Road at field entrance east of Old School House. This pole is splintered near the base and will be reported.

BURSAG. Copy letters regarding enforcement of speed restrictions on British Gypsum trucks on Paudy Lane, Seagrave will be circulated.

6 ENVIRONMENT

Travellers' sites in Charnwood. A further e-mail from the County Solicitor to Councillor Shepherd indicates that the long-list is down to 16 sites but refuses further disclosure pending consultation as part of the planning process, expected in the autumn.

Grass Cutting in Burton. Further cuts have taken place to schedule and County have now agreed to add strimming of the grass alongside the footpath/brook between Melton Road and Brook Street to their work schedule. A complaint has been received and will be forwarded about inadequate cutting of the narrow verge alongside the stretch of Melton Road alongside Hall Drive properties, though it is recognised that there is a safety problem. Dissatisfaction was expressed at the lack of control over quality of cutting and the County will be asked what allowance would be made if the Parish take over maintenance in Burton.



Hedges, Cotes. Trees and hedges near the A60/B676 junction are overhanging the road and creating a hazard. This will be reported.

Highway Trees. LCC advise that the work at Somerset Close will be put in hand towards the end of the summer. Mr Simpson advises that they are responsible for the belt between Springfield Close and Melton Road, according to his records. Charnwood currently maintain this; no further comment will be made.

NEMA. Mr Topham and the Clerk attended the AARPC meeting on 16th June. Charts were produced showing aircraft tracks since the new routes commenced on 18th May and these confirm that, as intended, incoming flights from the east are no longer overflying our villages. More surprisingly, no outbound aircraft have yet used the DAVENTRY 2 routeing overhead Burton. The reasons are not known. The AARPC is participating in the LCC Working Group which aims for designation of the Airport.

LCC consultations on Waste Development, Minerals Development and Community Involvement. These had been circulated and no objections raised.

Tree Preservation Order, Hall Drive, Burton. Mr Buckingham has advised that the Order was confirmed without modification on 1st July.

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PLANNING

DWH Development, Burton. Mrs Saunders, the Clerk and Mr Tom Dijkstra (representing neighbours) met with Sally Eden, Landscape Officer and Rob Cockburn, Parks and Open Spaces Development Officer at Southfields earlier today, principally to discuss playground provision. It was agreed that this will be aimed at children up to primary school age. Final arrangements have still to be made between Charnwood and DWH but it is expected that the Council will be asked to adopt the playground and other planted areas, on payment of a commuted sum, and they will be responsible for future maintenance. Discussion of DWH's (as yet unaccepted proposals) centred on improved multiplay equipment and provision of benches and picnic tables, which could be achieved with reduced safety surfacing. Reduced access gradient from Brook Street, planting of 4/5 apple trees (to commemorate the orchard), retention of damson bushes and expansion of the play area by moving back the southern fencing were also proposed.

Mr Dijkstra was concerned that headlights of cars turning into the side road would shine directly toward Brook Street properties. Ms Eden will look into this with Landscape Architects although there are problems planting trees along the sewage easement area.

DWH are to provide a piece of public art or they may elect to contribute £2000 in lieu. It was suggested that the Clerk make contact with Simone MacLaine, Arts Officer about this and it was agreed to explore options with her.

A full copy of the Section 106 Agreement was obtained and it includes a Recreation Space Contribution of £500 per dwelling (£25,000). This is in lieu of provision of recreation space on the land as required by the Local Plan. It was agreed to follow this up to ensure that the Parish Council is consulted about allocation of this money locally.

The Borough has asked for suggestions for names for the two roads and some suggestions from Joan and Peter Shaw were distributed. It was agreed to propose MANTELFCROFT for the entrance road and SHALCROSSE for the side road. Mantelcroft is an old field name from this area and Samuel Shalcrosse built up the Burton estates whilst his grandson, William Shalcrosse Mason started to build Burton Hall.

Concern was expressed about proposed bunds in the boundary tree screen areas.

E/03/0047 - Airfield Enforcement. Prestwold 1966 Settlement and Everyman Tangerine have, as expected, appealed to the Planning Inspectorate against Charnwood's refusal of P/04/1901 for commercial activities. A draft additional submission to the Inspectorate had been circulated but, *to enable full discussion to take place, it was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the matter be deferred until Tuesday next, 19th July when this meeting will be reconvened for that sole purpose.* In the meantime, an urgent request will be made to the Charnwood Chief Executive asking how they intend to defend their decision and requesting Parish Council involvement.

P/05/1642 - retention of 2 portakabins (near southern corner of racetrack), Wymeswold Airfield (Everyman Racing & Gift Lease Ltd). This consultation had expired on 5th July and no planning reasons to object had been identified.

P/05/1528 - retention of 2 pole mounted signs at Prestwold Lane entrance to Wymeswold Airfield (Everyman & 1966 Prestwold Settlement). The location is in Hoton Parish and there was no objection.

P/05/1638 - retention of temporary portakabin, Wymeswold Airfield (Everyman Racing & Gift Lease Ltd). This again is in Hoton Parish but in an exposed location away from other such buildings. Objection will be raised because of this obtrusive location, pointing out that previous permissions have required screening of buildings on the Hoton side.

Prestwold Horse Trials, 30 - 31.5.05. Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe has replied to the issues raised last month pointing out that no consent was required, that complaints will be "useful" when planning next year's event, asking which areas were particularly affected and asking the Council to propose dates for liaison meetings. A reply was authorised asking for pre-advice of events and suggesting that meetings are best called when the Estate/operators have proposals or plans for future activities of which the community should be aware.

P/05/1756 - single storey extension to rear of 18 Somerset Close, Burton (Mrs R Adams). There was no objection.

LDF consultations: Core Strategy Issues and Options. These had been circulated and it was agreed to respond objecting to development east of Loughborough (Cotes) whilst supporting development of an additional Science Park on Wymeswold Airfield, conditional on adequate supportive infrastructure.

As a separate issue, a reference that "Wymeswold Airfield would involve brownfield land" will be challenged.

Borough Council consultations - Affordable Housing; Community Involvement; Loughborough Eastern Gateway. It was felt that no detailed response was necessary but, in the case of the Eastern Gateway, the need for additional parking at Loughborough Station will be pointed out.

8 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A report on the Clerk's meeting with Mr Paul Griffiths, Charnwood Development & Enabling Officer and Mr Richard Windley had been distributed. The principle of local people having first priority ('concentric

rings') was reaffirmed but there was some concern that the Borough's points system of assessing priorities could result in local people missing out. It was agreed to reiterate the Council's view, prior to Mr Griffiths' promised response before our September meeting.

9 PLANTATION

£100 received from the Treasurer has been banked. Mr Shields reported a good level of interest at the stall at the PFA Fete. Pond clearing work is in hand. Mrs Saunders announced her resignation from the Committee and wish to see a non-Council replacement. The Clerk advised that this would appear to require a formal resolution to amend the present structure but that he would investigate.

10 VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Edmonds advised that experiments with carpeting may lead to a solution to the acoustic difficulties. Members were saddened to hear of a serious condition affecting Mrs Brenda Guy, Vice Chairman.

The monthly electricity payment has been reduced from £40 to £25 now that the backlog has been caught up. A similar catchup should occur next quarter for gas. Dampco advise that wet rot in the 'Owl' can best be addressed by encasing the base with cement but the internal fungal problem remains a mystery. Laboratory analysis will cost £80/120 and it was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that this be arranged. Dampco would hope to be able to treat appropriately once the fungus is identified.

11 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

The overhanging tree at the entrance has been cut back.

12 PLAYING FIELD

The monthly electricity payment has increased from £6.50 to £19 to clear a deficit of £59.80. It was agreed to complete a short questionnaire from the Cricket Club expressing support for the pavilion extension.

The Summer Fete was very successful, raising approx £1600 with a further contribution to come from Mr Dijkstra's independent fund raising effort. The multiplay equipment will be restored with grant assistance.

13 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

There was nothing

14 FINANCE

Funds stood at £10,908.97 on 30th June, including £754.89 plantation. The second quotation for notice boards has only just been received from Park Joinery and, whilst lower than DS Woodworking at £210.00, is not like for like, Park being unable to include painting, lettering and fitting. In the circumstances it was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the DS quotation £495.00 be accepted subject to pursuit of grants from the Borough Council.

15 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	420.71
Roma Landscapes	maintenance	365.30
Staples	ink cartridge	19.79

16 MISCELLANEOUS

Arrangements are being finalised to hold the **Joint Councils meeting** in Burton on 8th September. Advice of a **new Management Structure at the Borough Council** has been received. RCC circulars regarding **grant availability** have been passed on by Councillor Shepherd. An invitation to nominate a **Trustee to the RCC** was noted.

A Charnwood Arts consultation 'Proposal 6.0' was noted as was advice regarding the Loughborough Community Chest. Details from DEFRA of the **Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005** had been circulated.

It was confirmed that members were happy with the new '**Round Robin**' routeing: Mr Sharpe/Mrs Saunders/Mr Elliott/Mrs Pickford/Mr Topham/ Mr Shields/clerk/Mrs Byass/clerk.

17 PRESS RELEASE

DWH update; Affordable Housing; Airfield Appeal; Pavilion extension; Hall Drive TPO; details of 'Friends of Burton Plantation'.

18 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR.

Queries relating to Cotes issues were dealt with.

There being no further business other than that designated to be deferred until 19th July, the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Smith".

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 14th June 2005, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)

Mr J Elliott

Mrs R Saunders

Mr R Shields

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance:

Mr R Shepherd (County Councillor) [Items 7/9]

Two Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs D Edmonds (business)

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Mr J Elliott - personal interests in Village Hall matters as Council representative and in PFA matters as a fundraiser.

Mrs R Saunders - personal interests in Prestwold Estate matters as Secretary of PERS and in Playing Field and Plantation matters as Council representative.

Mr I Sharpe - personal interest in all acts and proceedings relating to Charnwood Borough Council as Borough Councillor.

Mr R Shields - personal interests in P/04/2834 and in Wymeswold Airfield matters by acquaintance with applicants and in Plantation matters as Council representative and Chairman.

Mr K Topham - personal interest in Plantation matters as Council representative.

3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Chairman welcomed **Mr Richard Windley, Leicestershire Rural Housing Enabler**, who presented the results of the recent survey carried out in Burton, draft copies of which had been previously circulated to members. The report identifies that there is a need for affordable housing in Burton but that no low value properties come on to the market. Mr Windley initially recommended that the Council pursue an 'exception' site to cater for the identified need, perceived to be eight properties, discounted to six using a formula to allow for the passage of time.

An e-mail from Mr Paul Griffiths, the Charnwood Development and Enabling Officer was read and discussion followed, the consensus being that every effort should be made to persuade Charnwood to designate the affordable homes on the David Wilson Homes (DWH) site for local people, as first priority. Mr Windley recommended that a rural housing association such as Leicestershire Rural Housing be nominated and it was agreed that this be put to Charnwood Borough.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Report be adopted. It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that a split three/four between rented and shared ownership be sought on the DWH site. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Topham and carried that a local letting agreement be sought on the DWH site, with this Council having nomination rights.

4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Minutes of the AGM on 10th May be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman. Page 2754 of the Minutes of the 10th May Council meeting, 'Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton', were amended to read "Mrs Saunders advised that a meeting has been arranged with Severn Trent to discuss screening". It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that, following this amendment, the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

6 PLANNING

P/04/2834 - Housing Development at Brook Street/Melton Road, Burton (David Wilson Homes). This 50 dwelling proposal was passed at Plans Committee on 2nd June in accordance with officers' recommendations. Mr Shields spoke unsuccessfully on this Council's behalf against the inclusion of fourteen three storey houses. Unapproved drawings of proposed planting layout and play area were perused and it was agreed to accept the offer of a meeting with Mr Rob Cockburn to discuss these issues. Ongoing provision for maintenance will need to be established. The £2000 public art provision will also be discussed and it was agreed that Mrs Saunders attend this meeting with the Clerk. Mr Tom Dijkstra, who had spoken at the Plans Committee meeting, will be invited to represent residents. There is a further £10,000 for traffic calming in the Section 106 agreement and LCC will be reminded of this Council's continued interest in how this is spent.

E/03/0047 - Airfield 'commercial activities' enforcement. The enforcement order was issued on 10th May, with 13th July as the last day for appeal to the Secretary of State. There is no further news as yet although Everyman Racing have advised the press that they will appeal.

A letter from Wymeswold P/C advises that they would be prepared to make a small contribution towards any legal costs as a token gesture and Hoton P/C have given a similar verbal intimation.

Other Airfield/Prestwold Estate Issues. There has been no response from Helen Robinson to a request for update on the unauthorised portacabin, the motor cycle events and the new course at the Prestwold end. Complaints were received about a large scale equestrian event held over the new course on the recent Bank Holiday Monday and the next day, not so much about the event itself but about loudspeaker announcements heard all day in some parts of Burton. Ms Robinson will again be asked to respond and a letter will be sent to Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe drawing attention to the lack of pre-advice about the equestrian event and the failure to use the Liaison Committee. There have been reports of go-karts using the racetrack but no firm details as yet.

P/05/1252 - site for replacement workshop and office and continued use of land at rear of Lochfain Lodge, Narrow Lane, Wymeswold for recycling of garden sheds (Mr Hibbitt). This application, referred to last month, was later received and no objection raised.

P/05/1433 - erection of one detached and two semi detached dwellings on land opposite 1 - 5 Stanford Lane, Cotes (S J Packe-Drury-Lowe & Prestwold 1966 Settlement)

and

P/05/1485 - single storey side extension to 12 Back Lane, Cotes (Miss S A Murphy)

and

P/05/1505 - two storey side and single storey rear extensions to 22 Sowters Lane, Burton on the Wolds (Mr S T King).

There were no objection to any of these.

Consultations by Charnwood on LDF Statement of Community Involvement Submission Draft and Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document. These have a closing date of 8th July and will be circulated. Any comments should be addressed to the Clerk before that date. In the same context, an ABC Planning Training Day on 17th June and Charnwood Strategic Partnership Forum on 28th June were both noted.

7 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Transport to Loughborough for Young People. In Mrs Edmonds' absence, this topic was again deferred.

Vehicle Activated Signs. Mr Ian Vears and Mr Chris Clarke of the Major Transports Project Group had met with Council members a week ago to look at the issues. Copies of a letter summarising that meeting were distributed to members. Mrs Edmonds had advised the Clerk that she had had a further conversation with Mr Vears who had indicated that a strip would be attached to the edge of the Melton Road inner sign, which would resolve the objection. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Topham and carried that option 2, relocating the Loughborough Road sign, be supported along with the minor changes to the Melton Road inner sign.

'Chapel Lane' proposal. Charnwood advise that this matter is well in hand, Royal Mail consent now being sought. Afterwards a site notice will be displayed for three weeks. The residents have agreed to renumber the houses 1 and 2.

Prestwold Lane, Prestwold. The '40' mph signs are now in place.

A CBC consultation on parking issues was noted.

LCC Provisional Local Transport Plan. Councillor Shepherd had forwarded an e-mail advising some details of the consultation due to take place in the autumn.

Road Signs, Seymour Road/Brook Street, Burton. Mr Elliott advised that the signs at the junction of these roads are misleading and incorrectly placed. The Clerk will investigate.

8 ENVIRONMENT

Travellers' sites in Charnwood. Councillor Shepherd has supplied copy of an e-mail sent to the County Solicitor querying the decision not to release any information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Grass Cutting in Burton. Mr Andrew Lorimer has provided information about the LCC policy. Their standard is nine cuts per annum to include four within the first twelve weeks. That means overall cuts take place every 3 1/2 weeks but they are a little behind at present. He asks to be told of any specific problems and Councillor Shepherd had received a similar request. Members will monitor the situation.

The brook, Brook Street. A resident has complained of her dog disturbing a rat in the overgrown border of the brook, alongside the footpath. Norman Perkins at Charnwood advises that they cut the bank twice a year to manage flood risk but avoid the ecologically sensitive spring and early summer. Responses from Pest Control and from LCC regarding cutting alongside the footpath are awaited.

Highway Trees. Julian Simpson of LCC Property advises that contractors will return to Somerset Close, at their own expense, to complete the work as specified. He proposes removing two trees completely to increase space and crown thinning and raising the remainder. The resident who originated this programme is happy with this but concerned about overall height in a Close of bungalows. These comments will be passed on, with an indication of support for the proposed works.

Mr Simpson advises that additional light pruning of the Cherry outside 4



Springfield Close has been arranged. He intends to arrange crown lifting and removal of suppressed trees from the belt between Springfield Close and Loughborough Road later this year. It will be pointed out that the tree nearest the junction is obscuring vision for drivers exiting the Close though some surprise was expressed at County involvement, since Charnwood normally maintain this belt.

Planters. Mr Shields has now installed the four Burton planters and a number of favourable comments have been received. Members expressed their gratitude to Mr Shields for his efforts.

NEMA. The new routeings commenced in mid May with the welcome result that westerly inbound aircraft no longer overfly our villages. Curiously, there appear to have been no easterly departures overflying on the 'Daventry 2' route as yet. Mr Topham and the Clerk will attend the AARPC meeting on Thursday. LCC are campaigning for 'designation' of the Airport and a questionnaire is available on their website.

Village Design Statement. An enquiry to Mark Fennell, Charnwood Conservation and Design Officer, asking for news - there was to be further consultation in March followed by adoption in July - has elicited that there has been delay. The VDS group had been asked to make amendments which are now being taken through a sustainability appraisal process. This may highlight further amendments which will need to be addressed before further consultation. Burton's VDS will be the first to undergo this more rigorous procedure, as part of the LDF process. It is "hoped that adoption will only be delayed by 2 or 3 months".

Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton. Mrs Saunders advised that Severn Trent have come out against planting a hedge on the bank. They intend to clear it twice a year.

9 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

A prompt to Richard Williams, the Headland Management Project Officer has received the response that budgets have been cut this year but he agrees a first cut of all approved paths up to a maximum cost of £300. This will be put in hand with Roma Landscapes.

10 PLANTATION

Mr Shields advised that the survey of wildlife has been deferred. It is

intended to clear the pond first. Fencing work is to be carried out by James Muston for £245, with planting of the newly fenced sections to follow. CBC will be approached for additional funding later in the year.

11 VILLAGE HALL

A copy of last year's accounts will be circulated. Mr Elliott asked why the Council do not pay the Hall water bills. The Council has never been asked to do so and has made no allocation in this year's budget. After discussion it was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the matter be considered at next year's budget review.

Reference was made to acoustics difficulties since the false ceiling was removed. Curtains had been suggested as a possible solution and Mr Elliott will take this up with the Committee.

The problem with the 'owl' is not covered by insurance, inherent defect and rot being excluded. Two wood preservation companies have been invited to inspect and it is hoped to have their quotations next month.

12 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

The annual allotment rents have been received, all useable plots again being taken.

It was pointed out that low growth from a tree is obstructing the Burial Ground entrance and that the perimeter is not being adequately strimmed.

13 PLAYING FIELD

Allianz Cornhill are offering a reduced cost 'Charity Assured' Public Liability policy through Aon Ltd (for non profit making organisations) at £315.00, as against £385.87 for the previous cover. It was agreed to accept this offer.

Mrs Saunders advised that the multiplay equipment has been dismantled and the seesaw will need to be replaced. Apart from the costs estimated at £3,500 arising from the safety inspection there are additional problems in physically getting the work done. Eventual costs could rise to £10,000. Maximum support is requested for Sunday's annual Fete, the major fundraiser for the PFA.



14 FINANCE

A letter from the Internal Auditor, Mr Trevor Todd, confirming his approval of the annual accounts, was read. The Chairman went through Section 2 of the Annual Return, the Statement of Assurance, following which it was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the Accounts be accepted and that the Chairman be authorised to sign Sections 1 and 2 accordingly.

Funds at 31st May amounted to £13,784.49, including £654.89 plantation.

The query from the AGM about property damage insurance replacement values is covered by the definitions in Section 2, Part A of the Policy which provide for reinstatement subject to a formula based on the Sum Insured being properly declared. It was agreed to continue the policy.

The final element of the Clerks' salary review has been received from NALC, increasing the car mileage allowance from 50.5p to 52.7p. It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Topham and carried that this be paid.

Only one quotation, £495.00 from DS Woodworking of Loughborough, has been received for replacing the Cotes and Prestwold Notice Boards, with a second awaited from Park Joinery of Burton. It was agreed to accept the lowest quote and to seek grant assistance from Charnwood.

15 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	489.97
Allianz Cornhill	Council insurance	1384.85
Aon Ltd	PFA insurance	315.00
Roma Landscapes	Maintenance April	248.10
"	" May	316.07
Wicksteed Leisure	Safety Inspection	76.38
Staples	photocopying	20.21
"	office supplies	122.23
Information Comm.	Data Protection renewal	35.00
Trevor Todd	Internal audit	50.00
CPRE	subscription	25.00
Robert Shields	pot plants etc.	75.72

16 MISCELLANEOUS

The following were noted:

CBC Community Grants consultation
Charnwood Mayor's Civic Church Service
Charnwood Service Development Officers
Police Community Consultation meeting on 21st June
Appeal from Leicestershire Crimestoppers

It was agreed to meet in July and to take the annual break in August.

It was agreed, starting September, to move Council Meetings to the first Tuesday each month, so that Press Releases will meet the 'Link' publication cut off.

17 PRESS RELEASE

With Mrs Walker no longer acting as 'Echo' local correspondent, Press Releases are being sent direct to the Editor. The following topics will be included: co-option of new members; DWH outcome; affordable housing decision; VAS; 40mph signs, Prestwold; floral planters; Airfield enforcement update; NEMA news; approval of Accounts.

18 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

There was favourable comment on introduction of the planters with a suggestion that the scheme could be extended to village gateways and Mr Shields confirmed that he would be maintaining them.

19 CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS FOR COTES AND PRESTWOLD

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Topham and carried that members of the public be excluded during consideration of this item.

There were two candidates for each ward, Gaynor A Byass and Bernard M Spicer for Cotes, Rosemary A Adams and Margaret Pickford for Prestwold. Mrs Byass and Mrs Pickford were selected and will be invited to join the Council after signing the necessary Declarations.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.



MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 10th May 2005 commencing at 7.50 p.m.

Present:

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr J Elliott

Mrs R Saunders

Mr R Shields

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance:

Mr R Shepherd (County Councillor) [Items 1 - 5]

two Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

The Chairman has received a letter of resignation from Mrs Prior, citing technicalities in the Code of Conduct which prevent her fulfilling her role as Ward Councillor for Prestwold to the full and wishing the parishes well. It was agreed to accept the resignation and the Chairman will reply conveying regrets and thanks.

No response having been received to the Chairman's letter to Mrs Spicer, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that her letter of resignation be accepted. The Chairman reported advice from the Charnwood Monitoring Officer that no further action as regards the Code of Conduct needs be taken in view of Mrs Spicer's resignation. An offer by the Monitoring Officer to talk to this Council about interpretation of the Code was not taken up. Mr Topham, who was Chairman at the time, gave Members an outline of the procedures correctly followed when the initial reference was made to the Standards Board.

The Returning Officer for Charnwood will be asked to commence the process of advertising the two vacant seats.



2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Mrs D Edmonds - personal interest in Village Hall matters as Chair of the Management Committee.

Mr J Elliott - personal interest in Village Hall matters as Council delegate and in PFA matters as a fund raiser for them.

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in Prestwold Estate matters as Secretary of PERS and in Playing Field and Plantation matters as Council delegate.

Mr I Sharpe - personal interest in all acts and proceedings relating to Charnwood Borough Council, as Borough Councillor.

Mr R Shields - personal interest in plantation matters as Council delegate and in Wymeswold Airfield matters by association with planning applicants.

Mr K Topham - personal interest in Plantation matters as Council delegate.

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The draft Minutes of the 12th April meeting will be amended by noting under 'Disclosures of Interest' (Item 2) that Mrs Saunders, Mr Shields and Mr Topham each have personal interests in Plantation matters as Council representatives. It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the Chairman sign the Minutes as a true and correct record after these amendments.

4 MATTERS ARISING

Affordable Housing (Item 4). Mr Richard Windley has asked to present his full report to the June meeting and this was agreed. Copies of a letter from Mr Paul Griffiths, Borough Council Development and Enabling Officer, regarding the affordable allocation on the David Wilson Homes site had been circulated. This indicates that the Borough intend three of these houses to be rented. It was agreed to take up this Council's preference for shared ownership later, in the planning process.

5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Transport to Loughborough for Young People. Mrs Edmonds had not been able to progress this as yet but hopes to have news for the next meeting.

Vehicle Activated Signs. *Mrs Edmonds declared a personal interest in this matter.* There has been no response as yet from the County Council to the outstanding issues regarding location.

'Chapel Lane' proposal. All material has now been lodged with the Borough Council to enable them to take the proposal forward.

School Crossing Attendant, Loughborough Road, Burton. Mr Topham advised that, although his approach to Inspector Straughan at the Joint Councils meeting had not borne fruit, coincidentally a volunteer, Mr Colin McDermott, had come forward and he has now been trained and has commenced morning and afternoon duties.

6 ENVIRONMENT

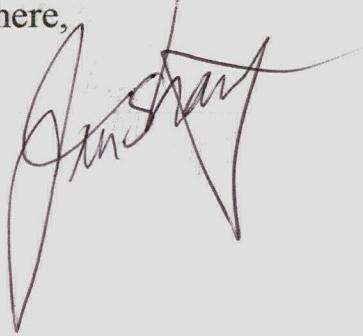
Highway Trees. Mr Marrion of Somerset Close advises that the trees in the Close received attention from County contractors recently but this was unsatisfactory. His complaint has been forwarded.

Planters. Mr Shields advised that he expects to have the Burton planters in position by the end of the month.

TPO, Hall Drive, Burton. Mr Buckingham now advises that all the required information has been returned to Legal Admin and there have been no objections. The Order would have been sealed last week but for the elections, and should now be completed this week.

Overhanging hedges etc. As always happens at this time, a number of footways, particularly on Loughborough and Melton Roads, Burton are part blocked. The usual polite letters will be sent and it was noted that there is a similar problem on Barrow Road.

Travellers' sites in Charnwood. It was noted that assurances had been given to Sileby Parish Council that there would be no sites there and Councillor Shepherd was asked to try to get similar assurance here, notwithstanding the refusal by the County reported last month.



Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton. Mrs Saunders advised that Severn Trent have promised to carry out the clearance work next week.

7 PLANNING

P/04/2834 - Proposed Housing Development at Brook Street/Melton Road, Burton. This application will be heard by Plans Committee 1 on 2nd June. Officers' recommendations are not yet known. It was agreed that Mr Shields should speak on behalf of the Council.

E/03/0047 - Airfield 'commercial activities' enforcement. Despite all efforts, there has been no confirmation from Charnwood Legal Services that the Enforcement Notice has been served. It was agreed to write immediately to the Chief Executive, copy to the Head of Legal Services, protesting at this further delay.

A debate followed on legal representation should, as expected, this matter be appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. Concerns were expressed about the potential costs and the legality of Council funds being used in this way. It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that, in principle, the Council would be prepared to raise funds for initial legal costs, once the situation becomes clear.

Other Airfield Issues. There has been an interim response but no detailed reply from the Enforcement Officer regarding the outstanding issues; signage, the new portacabin and the new course which may be for equestrian events. A further issue which has been raised with Mrs Robinson is motor cycle events, for up to 75 machines, advertised on the internet, the next being on 20th May. It is understood that Environmental Health have arranged to set up a monitoring device in a back garden on Somerset Close that day. Mrs Robinson has also been advised that the website advertises possible admission by payment 'at the gate', contrary to the provisions of the recreational permission.

P/05/0624 - retention of Manege and Horse Exercise Track etc., Fox Covert Farm, Narrow Lane, Wymeswold (Mr C T Smith). Closing date for response had been 28th April and no objection had been raised.

P/05/1126 - conservatory to rear of 19 Springfield Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs P Simmons). There was no objection.

P/05/1166 - 1st floor rear extension with 3 dormer windows to sides and dormer extensions to front and rear, 4 Hall Drive, Burton (Mr & Mrs Allen). It was decided to object on the grounds that this further incremental increase would result in over dominance at this sensitive location.

P/05/1185 - single storey extension and replacement pitched roof, 5 Huntingdon Close, Burton (Mr W T Ward). *Mr Shields declared a personal interest as Mr Ward is known to him.* There was no objection to the application.

P/05/1252 - site for erection of replacement workshop and office and continued use of land at rear of Lochfain Lodge, Narrow Lane, Wymeswold for recycling of garden sheds. Full details are awaited and the Chairman was authorised to respond as appropriate should the consultation close before next meeting.

8 PLANTATION

Mr Shields reported that the official opening on 1st May had been extremely successful with a turnout of approx. 70. Mr Peter Winkless, County Council Chairman, had presented a Shire Grants plaque which will be put on display, and planted an oak tree. The 'Friends of Burton Plantation' scheme had been started to continue community involvement and help raise funds.

9 VILLAGE HALL

The Agenda for the 17th May AGM has been received. Mrs Linda Sutton has obtained advice from the British Mycological Society regarding the problem with the 'Owl'. They recommend treatment similar to that for dry rot and suggest approaching a commercial pest control company that specialises in timber treatment. This will be done and meantime it will be ascertained whether this is an insured risk.

At long last it has been possible to analyse fuel costs accurately. The combined electricity and gas cost last year was £853.34 nett. equating to £71.11 average monthly payment. Currently we pay £ 150 per month including VAT and, even allowing for recent price increases, this should fall considerably later in the year when the current backlog is paid off.



Mr Elliott advised that the new display boards are in place. The Committee has agreed to take on responsibility for the Garden, so long as the Gardening Club agreement continues. There is still a problem with the weather vane, which has again shifted.

10 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

There was nothing.

11 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders reported a devastating inspection by Wicksteed with potential cost of £3/4000. This would absorb all available funds. In addition, insurers have advised that any repairs required as a result of inspection must be carried out within 60 days which is, in itself, a major problem. Members expressed concern and support and await further news.

12 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

There was nothing.

13 FINANCE

The year end balance of funds was £9,676.04, which includes £664.99 held on account of the Plantation. At 30th April this had increased to £14,269.02 following receipt of the first precept instalment.

Quotations for replacement notice boards for Cotes and Prestwold have been invited from three local suppliers. The annual audit is under way and copy of a requirement from Hacker Young relating to conflicts of interest was circulated.

14 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

drawn since last meeting

Newitt & Co Ltd goal anchors 193.70

for signature tonight

K W Davies	salary/expenses	388.44
Staples	stapler	3.49)
"-	ink cartridges	76.96)
B of Charnwood	footway lighting	23.19
R Shields (plantation)	refreshments	10.10)
"- (planters)	compost	54.00)
Frame It	picture frame	8.00

15 MISCELLANEOUS

A letter from Inspector Straughan advises that he is moving on and will be replaced as **Quorn LPU Commander** by Inspector Cathy Yallop. The RCC have sent details of **Community Roots Grants** and details have been circulated. The **Leicestershire Together Conference** on 8th June was noted.

The Clerk left the room whilst his **Salary and Conditions** were discussed in the context of new Conditions of Services for Clerks of Local Councils which have been introduced. It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the Clerk's hours should be increased to 39 per month and that the hourly rate remain at £9.08.

16 PRESS RELEASE

To include resignations of Cllrs. Spicer and Prior and consequent vacancies, appointments at the AGM, latest positions on David Wilson Homes application and on the Airfield enforcement, bushes overhanging footways, an appeal to support the PFA fete in view of the impending heavy costs and notice that the Rural Housing Enabler will be at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.



MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 10th May 2005, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr J Elliott

Mrs R Saunders

Mr R Shields

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: two Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

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Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in Prestwold Estate matters as Secretary of PERS and in Playing Field and Plantation matters as Council delegate.

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Mr R Shields - personal interest in Plantation matters as Council delegate and in Wymeswold Airfield matters by association with planning applicants.

Mr K Topham - personal interest in plantation matters as Council delegate.



Members were advised to review their written Registers of Interests, as lodged with the Monitoring Officer, and to amend them if necessary.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mr Topham and carried that the Minutes of the 11th May 2004 Annual meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

5 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Shields took the chair for this item. It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that Mr Sharpe again be Chairman. Mr Sharpe thanked Members for their support and resumed the chair.

6 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that Mr Shields again be Vice Chairman.

7 ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES

The following Members were elected to the bodies shown:

Burton on the Wolds Playing Field Association

Mrs Saunders - proposed Mr Elliott,
seconded Mrs Edmonds

Burton on the Wolds Village Hall Management Committee

Mr Elliott - proposed Mrs Edmonds,
seconded Mrs Saunders

Burton Plantation Management Committee

Mrs Saunders, Mr Shields and Mr Topham - proposed Mr Sharpe,
seconded Mrs Edmonds

Association of Airport Related Parish Councils

Mr Topham - proposed Mr Sharpe,
seconded Mrs Saunders

Wolds Joint Councils	Mr Topham - proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mrs Edmonds
British Gypsum Liaison Committee	No appointment as Committee presently dormant.
Wymeswold Airfield Liaison Group	Mrs Edmonds - proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Elliott.

8 APPPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Shields and carried that Mr Trevor Todd be reappointed Internal Auditor.

9 INVENTORY OF PARISH PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The inventory was circulated and shows a proposed total sum insured, including Allianz Cornhill's proposed inflationary increases, of £105,227 (last year £98,931). Before arranging cover, enquiries will be made as to its nature, particularly the question of replacement values.

Mr Topham will enquire whether the Primary School still use the handbells (valued at £2154).

10 REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT

It was noted that the Clerk's eventual retirement gratuity (paid in lieu of pension and calculated at 3/80ths of the annual rate of remuneration for each year of service), is assessed at £782.03 as at 31st March. There are no other issues of which the Council is aware and it was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Shields and carried that this situation be noted.

11 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL CONTROLS

Present arrangements are considered satisfactory and it was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that no action is necessary.

On completion of business, the meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.



BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES & PRESTWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

INVENTORY

Description	<u>Proposed 2005/06</u>	<u>Sum Insured 2004/05</u>
Timber bus shelters	1938	1811
Timber Notice Boards (3)	808	755
Notice Board, Burial Ground	490	458
Timber seats (6)	1293	1208
Taps (2)	449	419
Lamp Posts	1708	1596
Millennium Bench	577	540
Arun Bus Shelter	2626	2454
Dog Glove Dispenser	169	158
Wall mounted litter bin (V/H)	86	80
Flagpole and flags	460	430
Handbells (19)	2154	2154
Pavilion	40374	37732
Garage	2585	2415
Reconditioned sports motor roller	1051	1051
Filing Cabinet	60	60
Epson CX320 All in one printer/copier	127	127
Laminator	240	240
War Memorials	1400	1400
'Owl' Sculpture	6256	5847
Railings and Gates	3960	3701
<u>Playing Field Association</u>		
Play Unit & Slide	5688	5316
Other Playground Equipment	8959	8373
Cricket Sight Screen	474	474
Perimeter Fencing of Tennis Courts	3378	3378
Timber Seats (2)	319	298
Timber Picnic Tables (2)	837	782
Safety Surfaces	5361	5011
Basketball Posts & Nets (2)	4280	4000
Pedal Roundabout	6219	5812
Soccer mini goals (2)	491	441
Pavilion Clock	410	410
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	£ 105227	£ 98931

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Burton on the Wolds, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Tuesday 10th May 2005 at 7.20 p.m.

Present:

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr J Elliott
Mrs R Saunders
Mr K Topham

Two Local Government Electors

K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Parish Meeting, 11th May 2004, were confirmed as a true and correct record, being proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman distributed his Annual Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

Arrangements were made to distribute copies of the Chairman's Report to all households..

The Meeting was closed at 7.29 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Iain Sharpe". It is written in a cursive style with a blue ink pen.

PARISH OF BURTON ON THE WOLDS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 2004/2005

This has been another busy year for the Council and I hope you will agree that we have been successful in looking after the interests of residents. The direct powers of a Parish Council are limited, but we can achieve a lot by influencing the County and Borough Councils, ensuring that they listen to local concerns. We can only be successful by ensuring that our input is well researched and clearly presented and I would like to thank our Clerk, Ken Davies, for his invaluable efforts in ensuring that this is achieved.

Burton Plantation. We were delighted to join with a large body of residents and with the Charnwood Borough and Leicestershire County Councils to purchase the former Fishpond Plantation last summer. We all had to move very fast to secure this splendid woodland for posterity and it would be hard to find a better example of Parish/Borough/County Councils joining hands with the community to achieve a common goal.

Traffic & Highways. We are still awaiting the County Council's Strategic Study of traffic patterns in the Charnwood/Wolds area which they intend to complete before making any long term decisions about the highway network through the villages. Our goal remains to have a bypass for Burton, or at least to divert traffic to other routes. In the meantime, the measures to slow traffic through the village, agreed more than a year ago, have been implemented with installation of three VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) recently completed. First indications are that these measures are having some success in slowing traffic and making the road safer. We were not successful in obtaining a refuge and pedestrian crossing on Melton Road. The County Highway Authority decided that the road would not accommodate a refuge and that the level of pedestrian activity does not meet their criteria for a crossing.

Planning Matters. There have been two major issues over this last year, neither of them yet finalised.

The housing development at Melton Road/Brook Street received outline consent last June. Following vigorous representations, we were able to obtain a package of measures to ensure that substantial funds will be made available both for Burton Primary School and towards additional traffic calming measures. We have been heavily involved with both the Borough Council and the developer about the final shape of the development. Considerable progress has been made: on provision of an acceptable play area, location of affordable homes, an effective tree screen and stopping vehicle access to Brook Street. The major remaining disagreement is over three storey housing on the site, which we strongly feel to be out of character with Burton and which we shall strongly oppose when the application comes before Plans Committee shortly.

A great deal of our Council time has once again been taken up with resisting attempts to increase and expand the noisy activities on the old airfield. We have also fought against the construction of bunds on the airfield as we are convinced that any noise amelioration will be minimal, and insufficient to offset the disturbance caused by their construction.

Despite having convinced various Borough Council Committees that these activities are unacceptable, we are still waiting for an enforcement order to be issued. Once this notice is in place, we expect the applicant to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. We are disappointed that these battles with our neighbour continue, but clear public opposition means these proposals cannot be left unchallenged.

Parish Plan. This has been another fine communal effort with massive commitment from a number of local residents. The resulting Action Plan has formed the basis on which a number of worthwhile projects are being pursued and the Village Design Statement is presently with Charnwood Borough for adoption as Supplementary Planning Guidance, which should help maintain and improve the quality of life in the village.

Affordable Housing. The Parish Plan identified the need for affordable housing to ensure that local people are not priced out of Burton. Together with the Leicestershire Rural Housing Enabler, we commissioned a survey to establish the level of need in our community and we are expecting the results of this shortly.

Financial support to local Voluntary Groups. The Parish Council continues to provide financial support to local groups, principally the Village Hall which received £2,750 towards Village Hall refurbishment, in addition to £922 towards insurance, power supply etc. £903 was given to the Playing Field Association, and the Neighbourhood Watch received assistance towards printing costs.

Environmental issues. The Parish Council works hard to ensure that the Borough and County Councils deliver a good service on street cleansing, grass cutting, road and footway repairs, footpaths, overhanging trees etc. We are pressing for Tree Preservation Orders on some of the fine old trees around Hall Drive and we shall shortly be placing floral planters at several village locations. We are disappointed that, despite playing a full part in campaigning against the plans of Nottingham East Midlands Airport to introduce a new departure route directly over Burton, the Airport will go ahead with its plans. We regret that the consultation had no independent appraisal and was therefore of limited value.

Acknowledgements. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all my Parish Council colleagues, our Clerk Ken Davies, the members of the Parish Plan Committee and the many Borough and County Council officers who have supported us over the last year.

Ian Sharpe
Chairman

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 12th April 2005, commencing at 7.35 p.m.

Present:

Mr R Shields (Vice Chairman) in the chair
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr J Elliott
Mrs R Saunders
Mr K Topham

In attendance:

Mr Ian Althorpe, Planning Director, David Wilson Homes East Midlands and a colleague (planning item P/04/2834 only).
Mr A Kershaw (County Councillor) (items 1/6).
Ten Local Government Electors
Two other visitors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr I Sharpe (business)

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Mrs D Edmonds - personal interest in Village Hall matters as Chair of the Management Committee.

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in all matters concerning Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS and in the Playing Field as Council representative. ~~to the PFA~~ ^{and Plantation} X

Mr R Shields - personal interest in P/04/2834 through previous involvement with the landowner, ~~and~~ in Wymeswold Airfield matters by association with the applicants ~~and in the Plantation as Council representative.~~ X

It was agreed to take Planning Item P/04/2834 out of sequence to accommodate the visitors from David Wilson Homes, the applicants.

P/04/2834 - Proposed Housing development at Brook Street/Melton Road, Burton. A further revision has been received and Mr Althorpe had asked to introduce the latest proposals to the Council. He explained that the 20

metre buffer zone has now been incorporated, the play area has been moved to the SW corner and that has eliminated the need for vehicular access to Brook Street. Much time has been spent in discussions with Charnwood officers and the upshot of the compression of the site has been a reduction to 50 dwellings (from 53) but an increase to 14 (from 4) in the number of three storey houses. So far as they are concerned, this is not negotiable except that 'two and two thirds' storey houses, a variation on the 2 1/2 storey dwelling with the third floor effectively in the roof space and somewhat lowered eaves height (5 1/2 metres) could be considered. They have recently obtained approval for these at a development in Anstey - illustrations were provided.

After questioning from members, the meeting was adjourned from 7.55 to 8.15 to permit questions and comments from the floor.

On resumption and after further comments from members, Mr Althorpe and his colleague left the meeting. It was then agreed, whilst welcoming the concessions made, to continue opposition to either three or two and two third storey house which are out of place on this site and have no precedent in Burton. Other issues to be raised include incorporation of existing hedgerows, consultation on the play area and affordable housing to be for shared ownership by local people.

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The draft Minutes of the 8th March meeting, Item 1, will be amended by the addition of , after "not sent an apology". "Mr Elliott advised that Mrs Prior had received advice from elsewhere as to the course she should follow with regard to declaration of interests". It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Topham and carried that they should then be signed as a true and correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

Affordable Housing (Item 4). Mr Windley advises that his Report will be written by next month. Small need has been identified thus far but no conclusions have yet been drawn. A letter from Mr Paul Griffiths, Charnwood Development and Enabling Officer, on this subject, had been copied to members. It was agreed to emphasise this Council's preference for shared ownership rather than letting.

Mrs Maureen Prior (Item 1). Mr Elliott advised that it had been arranged with the Chairman that he contact Mrs Prior about her recent non-attendance. She had told him that she sees no point in continuing following the Standards Board's recent ruling and intends to resign.

* ***ADDITIONAL ITEM**

Resignation of Mrs Lynda Spicer. Mrs Spicer had written a letter of resignation to the Chairman, dated 8th April, copied to all Members and to the Clerk. A copy had been posted on the Cotes Notice Board. In the letter Mrs Spicer gave detailed reasons for her resignation. It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that she be asked to reconsider. The acting Chairman first pointed out that it would need to be made clear that Mrs Spicer would have to accept the Standards Board ruling and declare a personal interest each time Prestwold Estate matters were discussed.

5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Highway/footway repairs in Burton. Debbi Payne advises that the contractor has been instructed to carry out further remedial works.

Footways, B676. Ms Payne advises that an instruction to clear vegetation has been issued and the work will be carried out in the near future.

Transport to Loughborough for Young People. Mrs Edmonds advised that the Youth Club would like somebody to talk to their older members about this, on a Friday. She will liaise with them over a suitable date, so that Caroline Mackay can be invited.

'Chapel Lane' proposal. The Clerk will progress this before the next meeting.

Unauthorised Bus Stops. Although nothing has been heard from Paul James Coaches, the practice seems to have ceased.

Vehicle Activated Signs. These have been installed and two out of three are now operational. The County have been approached to move the Loughborough Road VAS, which is overhanging a garden, a little further eastwards and it was agreed to support this. It was pointed out that the inner sign on Melton Road is not located as shown on the agreed drawings and a request will be made for this too to be moved.



Bus Shelter Funding. The annual grant application has been received but no further need has been identified.

County Councillor Kershaw left the meeting at this point and, as he will not be standing for the redrawn Sileby & The Wolds Ward next month, first expressed his pleasure at having been able to contribute towards making the through road safer (if not prettier!) and towards obtaining a substantial Shire Grant for the plantation purchase. The Chairman, on behalf of members, thanked him for his efforts.

6 PLANNING

P/04/2834 - see above, pp 2740/1.
E/03/0047 - Airfield 'commercial' activities, enforcement. The Charnwood officers had insisted that this issue must once again go before Plans Committee where, on 31st March, they once again opposed it. Mr Shields, for the Parish Council, and Mr Sharpe as Borough Councillor spoke in favour and the Committee by an overwhelming margin supported enforcement. The Clerk has been advised by Mrs Christine Taylor that she is in the process of instructing Marrons Solicitors to progress the preparation and service of the Enforcement Notice and will be asking for the work to be completed within the next few weeks. The Clerk and Councillor Sharpe will need to monitor carefully to ensure that there are no more unwarranted delays.

Lawful Use of Racetrack. For the moment, the question of funding a challenge on this issue needs to be considered together with possible funding of a defence should Everyman Racing, as expected, appeal to the Planning Inspector against the 'commercial events' decision. Mr Shields had discussed the lawful use issue with a legal contact who expressed surprise at the Charnwood officers' interpretation.

The Clerk pointed out that the onus would be on Charnwood to defend their planning decision and it would be for them to decide on and pay for legal representation. Mr Topham reported some interest at the recent Joint Councils meeting in sharing cost - it would be necessary to write to Wymeswold and Walton to put the case. A view was expressed that it may not be appropriate for this Council to get involved in substantial costs; not all Electors would agree that this would be a proper use of funds.



Other Airfield Issues. There has been no news from Helen Robinson, the Enforcement Officer on the outstanding issues; the new portacabin, Sunday vehicle testing and unauthorised signage. A new issue is some kind of track being laid out adjacent to the footpath through Hoton Spinney in Prestwold and all of these matters will be pursued.

P/04/3633, 4324 & 05/0615 - Fox Covert Farm, Narrow Lane, Wymeswold (G J Smith). These three retrospective applications relate to retention of pond area and landscape bank, erection of covered horse exercise area and store, and retention of soil banks with hedge shrub planting to field boundaries respectively. There was no objection.

Leicestershire and Leicester Waste Development Framework and Leicestershire Minerals Development Framework. It was agreed that no response to these two consultations was necessary.

7 ENVIRONMENT

Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton. A further letter from Mr Brian Searson was read, thanking the Council for their efforts but expressing disappointment that no planting would be carried out on top of the bank. Mrs Saunders advised that this was still under discussion with Severn Trent.

Highway Tree near 4 Springfield Close. There has been no response from the County and this will be pursued.

Planters. All nine consulted neighbours have now responded favourably. Mr Shields has purchased the first four planters, for Burton. It was agreed that those for Prestwold and Cotes should be delayed until the Notice Boards are replaced and the Clerk will progress this item for the next meeting. Formal consent to the planters will now be sought from the County.

Travellers' Sites in Charnwood. The County Solicitor and Monitoring Officer has advised that it is not possible to divulge any information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 since "it is considered that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it". She goes on to say "to release a list of potential sites. . . which may never be pursued would raise public fears unnecessarily."



Street Lighting, Seymour Road/Brook Street, Burton. The request for additional lighting has again been unsuccessful this year though it will remain in the programme for future consideration.

Heritage/Archaeological Wardens. A letter from Mrs Joan Shaw was read advising that, due to her illness, she and her husband Peter have, with regret, to retire from their joint posts as Heritage Wardens and Peter Shaw to retire as Archaeological Warden. This news was received with sadness and a letter of appreciation for the valuable services previously rendered was unanimously supported.

Grass Cutting. It was noted that the recent County cut was below standard.

8 BURTON PLANTATION

Mr Shields reported latest developments. It is not yet clear whether the County Council Chairman, Mr Peter Winkless will be able to perform the opening ceremony on Sunday 1st May. Invitations are being prepared. Signs are being made. Only two access points will be retained. A start has been made on spreading wood chippings. The Wildlife Trust has been approached to carry out a survey and this will cost £250/300, from existing funds.

9 VILLAGE HALL

Mr Elliott declared a personal interest, as Council representative to the Management Committee.

Mrs Edmonds advised that the hire fee referred to last time should have been £5 per hour, not per evening. It was felt that situations such as had arisen with Gardening Club could be avoided if the Millennium Garden was directly under the control of the VHMC. It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the Committee be invited to take responsibility for the Garden. The existing arrangement whereby the Council will fund up to £100 expenditure annually would continue. Mr Elliott will take this up and report back.

The Gardening Club advise that it was necessary to cut the hawthorn back extensively because it was so overgrown and was inhibiting growth of plants beneath. It is expected to grow again vigourously.



10 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

There was nothing.

11 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders advised that there has been a legal problem over ownership in the context of the pavilion extension and she is consulting Mr Colin Betts. Although Wicksteed Leisure have been invited to carry out the playground inspection, advice has been received from RoSPA that they intend to inspect and it seems that there may be an ongoing contract with them. The Clerk will check. The recent first cut by Roma Landscapes was inadequate and this will be brought to their attention.

12 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

There was nothing.

13 FINANCE

The paperwork for the annual audit has arrived and this will be put in hand. Advice has been received that the limit for Section 137 expenditure has been raised to £5.30 per elector for this year.

14 CHEQUES

It was proposed by Mr Topham, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

drawn since last meeting:

Wyevale Nurseries planters 199.96

for signature tonight:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	365.27
Staples	photocopying	18.25
LRAPLC	subscription	217.00
L & R RCC	"	25.00
L & R PFA	"	15.00
L/Council Review	"	13.00

15 MISCELLANEOUS

Mr Topham reported on the **Joint Councils meeting** on 7th April, transferred to Rempstone. (The next meeting will now be held in Burton on 7th September and Mrs Edmonds will check the hall availability.) He advised that Inspector Straughan, LPU Commander from Quorn had not made a strong impression. The local beat policeman is now shared with Barrow, who get the lion's share of his time. The community bus to Barrow has received no support at all in the first three months but is to be continued.

It appears that the **Indemnification of Members and Officers**, referred to last time, is covered by existing insurance. A circular from the **Minister responsible for DEFRA, Mr Alun Michael**, advises substantial financial support for Quality Councils and it was agreed to respond protesting at the iniquity of the situation where an active Council such as this is debarred from qualifying for no reason over which it has any control.

Publication of the **GOEM Regional Space Strategy** was noted. Next month sees the **Council AGM and the annual Parish meetings**, the first of these at 7.00 P.M.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the DWH proposals, airfield enforcement, the VAS situation, street lighting refusal, Barrow community bus and notice of next month's annual meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 8th March 2005, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)
Mr J Elliott
Mrs R Saunders
Mr R Shields
Mr K Topham

In attendance:

Four Local Government Electors and one visitor

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs D Edmonds, Mrs L Spicer (both working).

It was noted that Mrs M Prior was again not present and had not sent an apology. It was agreed that the Chairman should contact her to establish whether there are any issues and to encourage her continued participation.

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Mr J Elliott - personal interest in Playing Field matters as a fund raiser for the PFA.

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in all matters concerning Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS and in the Playing Field as Council representative to the PFA.

Mr I Sharpe - personal interest in all acts and proceedings relating to Charnwood Borough Council as Borough Councillor.

Mr R Shields - personal interest in all matters concerning Wymeswold Airfield by association with the applicants.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Topham and carried that the Minutes of the 1st February meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.



4 MATTERS ARISING

Affordable Housing Survey. Mr Windley advises that responses have been coming in thick and fast but as yet no need is being indicated. Closing date is 25th March.

5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

**Resurfacing in Burton)
Footways, B676, Prestwold
to Cotes)**

There has been no response from LCC as yet to either of these items.

Transport to Loughborough for Young People. Mrs Edmonds sent word that the Youth Club had indicated that it was a higher age group than their members who had expressed an interest in this. Further enquiries are being made.

40 mph Speed Limit, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold. The Traffic Regulation Order was published on 11th February. The Clerk received no objections by the closing date 4th March and the County legal officers will be advised accordingly.

Stanford Lane, Cotes. Mr Coeshaw advises that Nottinghamshire County Council have agreed to the proposed 7.5 tonne HGV weight restriction, except for loading. It was agreed to confirm full support for this proposal.

Proposed Pedestrian Crossing, Melton Road, Burton. A reply from Mr Chris Clarke advises the basis on which LCC evaluate such requests and encloses a detailed evaluation. They conclude that, since few people cross this road off peak, regular motorists would become used to absence of pedestrians and danger could be increased. It was agreed to take no further action.

School Crossing, Loughborough Road, Burton. This crossing has been unmanned for a number of years since the last attendant retired. It is understood that mobile Traffic Wardens may be available for such tasks and enquiries will be made with the Police.

Street Name proposal, 'Chapel Lane', Burton. Attention has been drawn to difficulties which arise for residents of Nos. 38 and 38A Melton Road, particularly where deliveries are concerned, since these properties

are out of sight at the end of the short stretch of roadway between the former Chapel and the Filling Station. It was agreed to support a change of name to 'Chapel Lane'. The Chairman advised that, whilst this is a Borough matter, they are short of resources but would be prepared to allow the Parish Council to carry out the preliminary enquiries. The Clerk will contact the Head of Building Control to start the process.

It was pointed out that similar problems have arisen due to erratic numbering on Sowters Lane and this too will be investigated.

Bus Shelter, Loughborough Road/Springfield Close. There are reports of buses failing to stop whilst users make their way from the shelter to the roadside. The operators will be asked to make drivers aware of this situation.

Unauthorised bus stops. It was noted that service buses are again stopping near Sowters Lane eastbound, leading to dangerous traffic situations. This will be pointed out to the operator, with a request that buses use only authorised stops.

6 PLANNING

P/04/1901 - revised application for Airfield commercial events. This application was refused by an overwhelming majority at Plans Committee on 17th February. At the instigation of officers, it was referred to Regulatory Committee on 7th March where it was again overwhelmingly rejected. Strong speeches by Mr Shields on behalf of the Parish Council and by Mr Sharpe and Mr Tony Edmonds helped to achieve these results. There was a strong attendance by villagers at both meetings.

It was agreed to press Charnwood to now implement the outstanding Enforcement Order, subject to first checking the wording of the Plans Committee resolution deferring action on this in January.

The Chairman pointed out that applicants had indicated that they would appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. This may provide the opportunity to open up the debate to include recreational activities and thought needs to be given to this. The timescale could be long. It may be that Dr David Abbott could attend to give an expert opinion in which case the Council should be prepared to pay his expenses. It was agreed to write thanking Dr Abbott for his services to date.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. J. Abbott".

Lawful use of Racetrack. It had been suggested that Marrons of Leicester could offer legal advice but they had declined, since they already act for Charnwood Borough. The CPRE had proved helpful and suggested the Environmental Law Foundation who could arrange a free initial consultation. This they had done and the Clerk had a one hour consultation with Public Interest Lawyers, in Birmingham. Their costed list of options had just been received and was distributed to members.

Concern was expressed that substantial sums of money could be incurred which the Council could not fund alone. It may be that residents could be asked to contribute, and members of the public present were asked to give thought to this. Possibly other local parishes could contribute.

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Elliott and carried that the matter be deferred until next meeting. Mr Shields requested copies of the correspondence to date.

Other Airfield issues. A number of issues are being pursued with the Enforcement Officer. These include an additional section of relaid surfacing on the NW/SE runway, a new portacabin adjacent to that, noisy track cleaning operations on Sundays, high performance vehicle testing on Sundays, further work on the agricultural road including splayed entrance to Wymeswold Lane (this probably authorised under the Agricultural Determination) and unauthorised signs on the public highway.

P/05/0061 - conservatory to side of 2 Springfield Close, Burton (Marc Baker). This application, discussed last time, has been approved with a Condition protecting the adjoining trees.

P/05/0029 - single storey extension to 8 Seals Close, Burton (C McMahon). No objection was raised to this application which had a deadline of 21st February.

7 ENVIRONMENT

Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton. Mrs Saunders advised that Severn Trent have accepted responsibility for the upkeep of the lagoon and have in fact now cleared it. They will clear it twice a year at least and will check the inlet pipe for blockage, since it appears never to have served its purpose even when there has been flooding nearby. Mr Searson will be advised of this outcome but it was agreed that there should be no hedge planting in the circumstances.

Highway Tree at 36 Springfield Close, Burton. The Highway Inspector, Graham Marsh, advises that it has been agreed that this tree should be moved, despite the objection from a neighbour.

Highway Trees, Somerset Close, Burton. Mr Simpson, an Arboricultural Officer, advises that three trees will receive attention in the coming year.

It was mentioned that a similar problem exists outside 4 Springfield Close and Mr Simpson will be asked to attend.

TPO, Hall Drive, Burton. Mr Buckingham advises that the file is with the Legal Admin Section for preparation but has not been dealt with due to other pressures. It will be done in the next few days.

NEMA. The Airport advise that the proposed changes to controlled airspace have been approved by the CAA. Although they refer to the lengthy and thorough consultation process, it is clear that, in the absence of any independent examiner, the Airport have gone ahead and done just what they always wanted.

Disposable Dog Gloves. A further supply has been ordered for the dispenser at a cost of £31.75.

Planters. Seven out of nine neighbours consulted have responded in favour, with one each in Cotes and Prestwold outstanding. It was proposed Mr Elliott, seconded Mr Topham and carried that Mr Shields be authorised to purchase planters on the agreed basis.

Travellers' Sites in Charnwood. At the Chairman's request, application was made to the County Council for disclosure, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, of any information relating to plans for such a site in our parishes. A response is expected by the end of this week.

Estate Wall, Prestwold Hall. At a recent informal meeting, Mr Andrew Bamber advised the Clerk that this is seen as a low priority, other matters such as the roof, which have a bearing on revenue generation, being accorded higher priority. He will respond formally in due course.



8 FISHPOND PLANTATION

Mr Shields advised that, at the first meeting, he had been appointed Chairman, Mr Sutton Secretary and Mr Brewis Treasurer. Official opening is still Sunday 1st May and the Clerk was asked to invite the Chairman of the County Council to perform the ceremony at 2.30 p.m. Donated chippings are to be laid but the management plan will be deferred one year. The new name will be Burton Plantation.

9 PARISH PLAN

The Action Plan Low Priorities were considered:

Chicken Farm. Since the level of complaints had fallen away to virtually zero, it was felt that no action was called for. The ongoing situation will be monitored.

Road Safety Problems at Hall Drive. It was agreed that the County Council's suggestion in the case of 'safer use of the roundabout', that consideration be deferred pending implementation of the current scheme, be followed here also.

Promote Safer Cycling in the Village. Although it was felt that the road layout does not lend itself to cycling initiatives, it was agreed to consult with the Cycling Club.

Parking Problems at the Burial Ground. It was not felt that promoting use of the unofficial allotment car park was appropriate. The very limited requirement precludes any on site solution, which would be disproportionately expensive.

It was agreed to send the Steering Group details of progress to date on the Action Plan and that this would best achieved by extracts from the Minutes.

10 VILLAGE HALL

Mr Elliott advised that a request by the Gardening Club for free use of the Committee Room from time to time, to compensate for work carried out on the Millennium Garden, had been referred to the Council. Mr Elliott was asked to invite the Management Committee to reconsider this, in view of the substantial financial support they receive from the Council. It

was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the Council reimburse any fees charged to the Club for room hire should they be charged. It is understood that the club have been quoted a reduced rate of £5 per evening and that meetings approximately quarterly are envisaged.

It was felt that the hawthorn tree had been cut back rather savagely and the Clerk will make enquiries as to the justification for this.

The Shaws have passed on some suggestions made by the sculptor, Martin Heron, to treat the Owl. These will be discussed with Mr Paul Sutton. The insurance situation will be checked.

An invoice for a replacement St George's flag, £39.89, has been received. It was agreed to pay this, subject to the VHMC paying the pre-VAT amount.

11 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

Mr Jamie Bailey agreed a price of £30 to flail the roadside allotment hedge and this has now been done.

12 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders asked that the first cut be requested as soon as possible. There have been recent problems with outsiders leaving litter and driving cars on the field. Arrangements have been made for Wicksteed Leisure to carry out the annual safety inspection, at a cost comparable to RoSPA.

13 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

A plan had been drawn up for the proposed footpath from Sowters Lane to the Primary School via the Saints estate. However, it was clear from discussions with landowners that permission would not be forthcoming. Whilst this is to be regretted, it appears that no progress can be made and the Parish Plan group will be advised accordingly. Mr Topham will advise the school.

Maureen Slatcher, the Footpath Inspector, advises that she has inspected the blocked H99 alongside Nottingham Road and will write asking Prestwold Estate to clear it.



A letter from Richard Williams, Headland Management Project Officer, offers new terms for maintenance of agreed footpaths, equating to approx. £650 p.a. It was agreed to accept this offer.

14 FINANCE

Balances presently total £10,446.52.

15 CHEQUES

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Topham and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	349.49
Staples	photocopying	21.60)
"	"	37.00)
Roma Landscapes	footpaths	22.20
JRB Enterprise	dog gloves	37.31
Midland Flagpole	flag (V/Hall)	39.89

16 MISCELLANEOUS

The Clerk will be on holiday from 26th March to 9th April. Papers for the next meeting will be sent out on 25th March. **The Joint Councils** meeting is due to be held in Burton on 7th April, during this period. Alternative arrangements will be made.

Consultations have been received on the **Charnwood Development Framework** and on the **Loughborough Town Centre**. Mr Shields will peruse these. No entry will be made in the **Leicester Mercury Best Village Competition**.

There has been recent publicity about **Indemnification of Members and Officers**. It was agreed that a quotation be obtained from our Insurers.

A letter from the North Area Police Commander gives details of **Police Community Support Officers**. The cost of £12,500 per annum, possibly shared with other parishes, was felt to be prohibitive.

There is to be a **Monitoring Officer's Liaison Meeting** on 23rd March, which the Clerk will attend. No response will be made to a **Notts County Council consultation on Community Involvement**. An RCC

Community Consultation Seminar on 4th April was noted. No response will be offered to an appeal from **Macmillan Cancer Relief**.

17 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover airfield issues, the Housing Needs Survey, Stanford Lane weight restriction, pedestrian crossing, NEMA decision, Chapel Lane proposal, balancing lagoon and the new Walks leaflet now issued.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.52 p.m.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 1st February 2005, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mrs R Saunders
Mr R Shields
Mr K Topham

In attendance:

Mr A M Kershaw (County Councillor) - items 5 to 7
Eight members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr J Elliott (indisposed)
Mrs L Spicer (unavailable)

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Case Summaries received from the Standards Board for England numbered SBE4510.03 (Councillor Lynda Spicer) and SBE4511.03 (Councillor Maureen Prior) were read to members. These summaries are also available on the Standards Board website. The outcome in each case is that no action needs to be taken. Copies of the summaries, which detail the Ethical Standards Officer's reasoning, are attached to the original of these Minutes.

Mr Topham reminded Members that he had been obliged by the terms of the Code of Conduct to refer these matters to the Standards Board and pointed out that the summaries confirmed that the advice given separately to Mrs Prior and to Mrs Spicer, following his and the Clerk's discussion with the Charnwood Monitoring Officer, was correct.

Separately from the above, the Clerk advised Members that, whilst it is always a matter for individual decision, his view is that declarations can sometimes be unnecessarily made where there is no real personal interest in a matter. He read the definition 'What is a Personal Interest' from the Standards Board guidance.



Mrs D Edmonds - personal interest in Village Hall matters as Chair of the Management Committee.

Mrs R Saunders - personal interest in matters concerning Prestwold Estate as Secretary of PERS and in the Playing Field as Council representative to the PFA.

Mr I Sharpe - personal interest in all acts and proceedings relating to Charnwood Borough Council, as Borough Councillor.

Mr R Shields - personal interest in Planning item P/04/1901 by association with the applicants.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was pointed out that Mr Elliott is not a member of the PFA and the disclosure of his interest in the PFA was amended to read "as he is involved in fund raising". It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Minutes of the 11th January meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman, after this amendment.

4 MATTERS ARISING

Affordable Housing. The Rural Housing Enabler has now prepared posters and the Survey Questionnaire, after consultation with the Clerk. The questionnaire will be available for distribution shortly and help from Members will be appreciated.

5 PLANNING

P/04/1901 - revised application for Airfield commercial events.

Consultation closes tomorrow and this meeting has been brought forward one week to enable formulation of a response. Background notes had been circulated. After a full discussion it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried that the application be opposed. The reasons were agreed, based on the circulated paper, with amendments. A number of Conditions were also agreed, should the Plans Committee be minded to permit. Mr Shields will speak at Committee on the Council's behalf, with Mr Topham as deputy.

The Chairman raised, as a related issue, the question of lawfulness of use

of the racetrack. It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mr Shields and carried that enquiries should be put in train to establish whether the creation of the racetrack without prior planning permission is lawful.

2004/4027 (LCC) - De-Pack Ltd, Recycling Centre, Wymeswold Industrial Park. The County decided to permit this development as submitted, with a number of Conditions. The decision will be circulated.

Other developments outside limits to development, Wymeswold Industrial Park. In the decision above, the County say that Charnwood have confirmed that these existing uses have the benefit of planning permission.

P/03/2075 - barn at Manor farm, Barrow Road, Burton. The Chairman is pursuing with the Enforcement Officer the issue of planting, required by Conditions to be completed by end March.

P/05/0061 - conservatory to side of 2 Springfield Close, Burton (Marc Baker). There was no objection in principle but it will be pointed out that the proposed conservatory would be hard against a mature hedge at the boundary with significant trees on the public grassed area beyond. A Condition is needed to protect these.

6 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Loughborough Road (Home Farm). A letter from Ray Kingett, Senior Technician gives reasons why signing improvements would not help. This is in direct contradiction to the earlier letter from Mr Majewicz who has promised changes this month. Developments will be awaited and Councillor Kershaw took note of the conflicting advice.

Resurfacing in Burton. Debbi Payne, the Senior Engineer, Charnwood now advises that the contractor carried out remedial works, mainly cleaning up walls and fences that had been splashed. It will be pointed out that the problems went far beyond that and copies of letters from July and August last will again be sent.

Footways, B676, Prestwold to Cotes section. Ms Payne will also be advised that these footways have been narrowed to unacceptable levels in places by encroachment from neighbouring fields. At the request of a resident, the lack of footways on bridges en route to Loughborough will also be raised.



Road Repairs, B676. It will be reported that recent repairs are already starting to crumble.

Safer Use of Roundabout, Burton. A response from Mr Jonathan Clark to this Parish Plan item, indicating that additional signs have already been erected as part of the current improvements, and that the VAS will complement them, was noted.

Seymour Road Residents' parking. Mr Clark's comments regarding this further Parish Plan item, effectively advising against it, were read to Members and noted.

Transport to Loughborough for Young People at weekends. A response from Caroline McKay to this Parish Plan item was read. Some concern was expressed that an element of Parish Council funding would be required. It was agreed that Mrs Edmonds and the Clerk would discuss further with Youth Club leaders.

40 mph Speed Limit, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold. Mr Coeshaw advises that Legal Notices for this scheme, which includes a 30 mph limit on Old Parsonage Lane, Hoton will be published on 11th February, for 28 days. If there are no objections, the necessary works and equipment will be ordered.

Stanford Lane, Cotes. A reminder has been sent requesting news of discussions between Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire County Councils with a view to a weight restriction.

Burton Primary School. Mr. Topham advised that the School would prefer traffic calming humps rather than a 20 mph scheme. He had seen such schemes in other parts of the County, with housing nearby, and he does not see why that should continue to be used by the County Council as a reason not to have such a scheme on Barrow Road.

7 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS.

This item was moved forward to enable Cllr. Kershaw to be aware of the issues before leaving.

Sowters Lane/Barrow Road Footpath. Jonathan Clark of LCC has updated earlier comments on this Parish Plan issue. Landowners consent is required. If the Parish Council can obtain this consent, then Samantha

Tovey will be able to assist in taking the project forward. The project could also be incorporated in the Leicestershire Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Proposals can be forwarded to Eddie McWilliam in the Environmental Management Section. It was agreed that Mrs Edmonds, Mrs Saunders and Mr Shields would each speak to the landowners known to them to get this started.

Springfield Close/Barrow Road footpath - lighting. A response from Peter Hosking, Team Leader, Street Lighting indicates that the County have no funds available for this purpose. They could adopt the lighting if the Parish pay for it. It was decided not to pursue the issue.

8 ENVIRONMENT

Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton. Mrs Saunders advised that a response from Severn Trent is still awaited.

Highway Tree at 36 Springfield Close, Burton. A County Arboricultural Officer asked the Parish to consult about a proposal to move this tree as part of construction of a second access point at this property. Copies were sent to the applicant and to the three closest neighbours, of whom only the Suttons at No. 38 have replied. It was agreed to forward their response, with the Council's support, to the County.

Highway Trees, Somerset Close, Burton. A resident has reported safety issues in high winds and the County have been advised.

TPO, Hall Drive, Burton. There has been no further news since mid December and a reminder will be sent, copy to Mr Dave Hankin.

Planters. The Clerk will set about obtaining neighbours' consent, as required by the County Council.

9 FISHPOND PLANTATION

Mr Shields reported on the successful public meeting on 20th January. 23 attended and Derek Brewis, Paul Rushforth and Paul Sutton were elected to join Council representatives on the Committee. A first committee meeting will be called shortly.

Mr Topham advised that the School have now decided that, rather than a gateway to the Plantation, they prefer to have a gate to the footpath, close



to the Plantation entrance. They would finance this themselves.

10 PARISH PLAN

A further detailed report from Jonathan Clark, the LCC co-ordinator, parts of which have been referred to above, will be circulated.

Pressure of work and the bringing forward of this meeting have meant that the third, low priority, section of the Action Plan will now be presented for debate next month.

11 VILLAGE HALL

The Accounts for last year have now been received.

There are fungus problems with the 'Owl' sculpture. Mrs Joan Shaw has taken advice from Tony Fletcher at Holly Hayes who believes the problem is internal and could result in the wood rotting away. Treatment is problematical. Mrs Shaw is contacting the sculptor, Martin Herron, for advice.

Mrs Edmonds confirmed that there will be no problem displaying the Garden Certificate in the Committee Room and arrangements for framing will be put in hand. A letter of thanks for the copy certificate from the Suttons was read.

12 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

Mr Everitt-Stewart advises persistent mole problems. He is continuing to work on them.

13 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders advised that, in order to obtain grants for the pavilion extension, the Cricket Club need to have security of tenure for 25 years and both the PFA and Parish Council need to approve this.

The PFA are not happy with the RoSPA playground inspections and would like to change to Wicksteed. The Clerk will make enquiries.

14 FINANCE

There was nothing.

15 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	381.43
Oakdale Tree	Fishpond clearance	400.00
Staples	photocopying	10.98)
"	"	0.60)
Good Directions	V/H clock	371.30
Leics Footpath Ass.	subscription	5.00

16 MISCELLANEOUS

Mr Topham reported on the recent **Joint Councils Meeting** at Walton. Wymeswold in particular have crime problems and it was agreed to back a suggestion that the local Police Inspector be invited to their next meeting.

Mrs Nicky Morgan, the **Conservative Parliamentary Candidate**, has indicated that she hopes to attend the next meeting. A Charnwood **Draft Statement of LDF Community Involvement** consultation was noted. The Clerk will respond to a Charnwood **Customer Service Strategy - Key Partner Relationships** questionnaire. The ODPM advise, copy previously circulated, that the Secretary of State has authorised Clerks to Parish Councils as qualified persons for the purposes of section 36 of the **Freedom of Information Act 2000**. Where the Clerk is absent, responsibility will fall to the Chairman. This was endorsed by members, being proposed Mr Shields and seconded Mrs Saunders.

It was agreed that contact details for the Council be permitted on the **County Council Website**. A Charnwood **Strategic Partnership** event on 11th February 'Who Needs Housing' was noted. The old **Amstrad Computer and Printer** have been disposed of, to Environ, an LCC supported charity.



17 PRESS RELEASE

The last report duly appeared in the 'Echo', Mrs Frances Walker having resumed her previous role. The following issues will be featured this time: The Airfield application, Housing Needs Survey, Prestwold Lane speed limit, Fishpond meeting, the 'Owl'.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.51 p.m.



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Case summary

SBE case number	SBE4510.03
member	Councillor Linda Spicer
authority	Burton-on-the-Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council
allegation	A member brought her office or authority into disrepute, failed to disclose a personal interest, failed to withdraw from meetings when a matter in which she had a prejudicial interest was discussed and sought improperly to influence a decision on the matter.
date received	19 August 2003
date completed	14 December 2004
SBE outcome	The Ethical Standards Officer found that no action needs to be taken.

summary

The complainant alleged that Councillor Linda Spicer – a member of Burton-on-the-Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council – failed to declare a personal interest in council meetings on 23 June, 8 July and 12 August 2003 during discussions about an estate. Councillor Spicer allegedly had an interest because the trust body that managed the estate owned her home.

The Ethical Standards Officer considered that Councillor Spicer had a personal interest in the discussions about the estate because they related to her landlord. The Ethical Standards Officer concluded that Councillor Spicer breached the Code of Conduct by failing to disclose her personal interest at the meetings.

However, the Ethical Standards Officer noted that the discussions did not directly relate to Councillor Spicer's tenancy or property. The Ethical Standards Officer concluded that Councillor Spicer did not have a prejudicial interest in the discussions, and so did not breach the Code of Conduct by taking part in the meetings.

The complainant also alleged that Councillor Spicer brought her office or authority into disrepute at the meeting on 23 June by asking whether a member of the public had trespassed on the estate.

The Ethical Standards Officer considered that although Councillor Spicer's question might have been an inappropriate one for a parish council meeting, it was not something that could have raised concerns about the impartiality of the authority. The Ethical Standards Officer concluded that Councillor Spicer did not bring her office or authority into disrepute by asking the question.

The Ethical Standards Officer was satisfied from the available information that Councillor Spicer did not seek or gain any improper advantage by failing to disclose her interest. In the particular circumstances of this case, the Ethical Standards Officer found that no action needs to be taken.

relevant paragraphs of the Code of Conduct

The allegation in this case relates to Paragraphs 4, 8 and 10 of the Code of Conduct.

Paragraph 4 states that "a member must not in his official capacity, or any other circumstance, conduct himself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing his office or authority into disrepute". Paragraph 8 states that "a member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent". Paragraph 10 states that a member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must "(a) withdraw from the room or chamber where a meeting is being held whenever it becomes apparent that the matter is being considered at that meeting" and that he must "(b) not seek improperly to influence a decision about that matter".

Ends.



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Case summary

SBE case number	SBE4511.03
member	Councillor Maureen Prior
authority	Burton-on-the-Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council
allegation	A member failed to disclose a personal interest and failed to withdraw from a meeting when a matter in which she had a prejudicial interest was discussed.
date received	24 September 2003
date completed	14 January 2004
SBE outcome	The Ethical Standards Officer found that no action needs to be taken.

summary

The complainant alleged that Councillor Maureen Prior – a member of Burton-on-the-Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council – failed to declare a personal interest in discussions about an estate at a number of council meetings, and failed to withdraw from the meetings despite having a prejudicial interest. The council discussed planning matters relating to an airfield on the estate on 23 June, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September and 11 November 2003, and on 13 January and 10 February 2004. Councillor Prior lived on the estate in a property near the airfield.

The Ethical Standards Officer considered that Councillor Prior had a personal interest in the planning matters because she lived near the airfield and the development of the airfield would have affected local noise levels and local amenities. The Ethical Standards Officer therefore concluded that Councillor Prior breached the Code of Conduct by failing to disclose her personal interest at the meetings.

The Ethical Standards Officer also noted that the employer of Councillor Prior's husband is a tenant of the estate, and made an application considered at one of the meetings. In addition, Councillor Prior's home on the estate was managed by the employer and provided rent-free as part of her husband's remuneration package. The Ethical Standards Officer concluded that Councillor Prior's interest in the matters relating to the estate was so significant that it was likely to prejudice her view of the public interest. The Ethical Standards Officer therefore found that Councillor Prior had a prejudicial interest in the discussions and breached the Code of Conduct by failing to withdraw from the meetings.

In the particular circumstances of this case, the Ethical Standards Officer found that no action needs to be taken.

relevant paragraphs of the Code of Conduct

The allegation in this case relates to Paragraphs 8 and 10 of the Code of Conduct. Paragraph 8 states that "a member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent". Paragraph 10 states that a member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must "(a) withdraw from the room or chamber where a meeting is being held whenever it becomes apparent that the matter is being considered at that meeting" and that he must "(b) not seek improperly to influence a decision about that matter".

Ends.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 11th January 2005, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr J Elliott
Mr R Shields
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

In attendance: Seven Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs M Prior (working)
Mrs R Saunders (prior engagement)

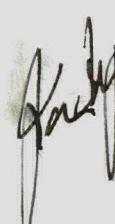
2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Clerk read two letters received from the Standards Board for England. The first, dated 14th December, advises that the investigation into Councillor Spicer's conduct has been completed and the finding is that no action needs to be taken. Copies of the Board's final letter have been sent to Councillors Topham and Spicer and to the Charnwood Monitoring Officer. Councillor Topham said that he had received this but Councillor Spicer said that she had not. A summary is to be forwarded to the Clerk and will appear on the Board's website but neither has yet appeared.

The second letter advises only that the Board have written in confidence to Councillors Prior and Topham and to the Charnwood Monitoring Officer with draft findings concerning Mrs Prior and that a further letter will be sent when the final report is issued.

Mrs D Edmonds - personal interest in Village Hall matters as Chair of the Management Committee.

Mr J Elliott - personal interests in PFA matters as ~~member of Committee~~ and in Village Hall Matters as Council representative.



Mr I Sharpe - personal interest in all acts and proceedings relating to Charnwood Borough Council, as Borough Councillor.

Mr R Shields - personal interest in all planning matters listed by acquaintance with the owners of Prestwold Estate.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mr Topham and carried that the Minutes of the 14th December 2004 meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING

Mr Windley of the Countryside Agency proposes that an initial circular about affordable housing be distributed in February followed by the Survey in March, for return by the 31st. Analysis would take place during April with publication around 1st May. He is to discuss the wording of the circular and survey questionnaire with the Clerk.

5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Melton Road Traffic Scheme. A letter from Chris Clarke advises that all equipment and work has been ordered for installation of the Vehicle Activated Signs. Installation should be complete by end March.

Proposed Pedestrian Crossing, Melton Road, Burton. Chris Clarke advises that a full assessment has been completed against nationally agreed criteria and that the site does not rate highly compared to other locations in the County. Additionally, normal practice indicates that the location would not be considered due to the low level of pedestrian activity. The scheme is unlikely to be funded in the foreseeable future.

Disappointment was expressed at this response and it was agreed to ask for details of the national criteria and of the assessment.

Loughborough Road (Home Farm). A letter from Richard Majewicz embellishes the information given last month; the decision to renew and relocate the 'Give Way' sign nearer to the junction, before Home Farm. A 'Slow' Marking will also be placed alongside this sign which should be installed in February.

Bus Link, Burton - Barrow. The flexible (community bus) service commenced on 4th January and full details have been circulated, are on the Notice Board and on the website.

Land at NW corner of Barrow Road, Burton. It was agreed to take no further action but to monitor the situation.

Safety Camera Unit. A letter dated 15th December advises that a covert speed detection device on Melton Road, Burton between 1st and 3rd November recorded "poor compliance" with the speed limit. The letter, together with comments from BURSAG who were similarly advised, will be circulated.

Mundy Close Footpath. The connection to Loughborough Road has been closed within the last few days because of a safety risk from an adjoining wall damaged by high winds.

Resurfacing in Burton. There is no indication that the remedial work promised by the County Council some months ago has been carried out and they will be again reminded.

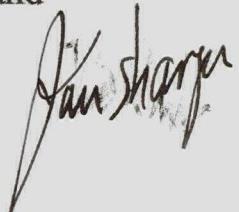
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PLANNING

E/03/0047 - Enforcement of Plans Committee decision 14.7.04 re Commercial Events at Wymeswold Airfield. The Charnwood Plans Committee reconsidered this matter on 6th January, as Mr Hayes had promised last month. A letter from this Council reiterating local concerns had been read. The Committee, whilst clearly unhappy about the delay, had felt that they could only accept their officers' recommendation that enforcement be deferred pending consideration of P/04/2717 (should be P/04/1901) on 17th February.

P/04/1901 - Revised Application for Airfield commercial events. A report commissioned by Everyman Racing from Scott Wilson Consulting, received this morning, was distributed to Members together with an Assessment by the Clerk. The report is to form part of the amended Application but as yet this has not been reopened by Charnwood. The principal proposal is for a 6 metre high bund at the southern corner of the track, with a revised chicane layout. Noise maps are included.

Everyman have called a Public Meeting at the Village Hall for Thursday of this week, to be addressed by Dr Mike Fillery of Scott Wilson and



followed by an open forum. Messrs Dave Hankin and Peter Blitz from the Borough Council will be present. Concern was expressed that two Parish Councillors and four members of the public, 50% of those present, had not received notices of the meeting which were supposedly delivered by Everyman yesterday. It was reported that other residents had not received notices. The Clerk will report this to Andrew Granger, who have been organising the meeting, first thing tomorrow.

Members felt that no meaningful discussion could be held until after the Everyman meeting and formal reopening of the consultation by Charnwood. This latter is believed to be imminent and it was agreed that a special Council Meeting be called should the consultation deadline fall before 8th February.

Mr Topham asked whether Mrs Edmonds would be able to attend future meetings of the Liaison Committee and asked that should she not be able to do so, sufficient notice be given to enable a substitute to attend.

2004/4027 (LCC) - proposed Paint Can and Aerosol Recycling Centre, Wymeswold Industrial Park (De-Pack Ltd). Further drawings had been received showing that, contrary to what had been said last month, the proposed process building lies outside the industrial zone. Since a response was required by 7th January and this issue had been discussed last time, a reply was sent indicating that built development should be contained within the existing zone.

However, Charnwood Borough have indicated that they do not support this restriction in their own response to the County Council.

Other developments outside the approved zone, Wymeswold Industrial Park. The Clerk advised that, in looking at the plans for the proposed De-Pack project, it appeared that there were other developments outside the approved zone on the Burton side of the Industrial Park. A visit had confirmed this, one site being occupied by a Grounds Maintenance company and two other buildings (seemingly ex RAF) also appear to be occupied. It was agreed to raise this issue with the Enforcement Officer.

7 ENVIRONMENT

Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton. This was deferred, in Mrs Saunders' absence.

Tree Preservation Orders. There is no further news regarding the Hall Drive TPO but it is understood that there are concerns about these matters in Wymeswold also. The issue will be raised at the Joint Councils meeting tomorrow.

Millennium Garden award. Copies of the Certificate have been provided by Mr Shields and distributed as indicated last month. Application has been made to the VHMC to display the original in the Reading Room.

The Greyhound Inn. A Burton resident had asked whether the Council would take a position on the recent replacement of the traditional Inn sign. It was felt that this was not an issue in which the Council should get involved.

8 FISHPOND PLANTATION

The Public Meeting will be held on 20th January, having been deferred a week to permit the Everyman meeting referred to above. The contractor, Oakdale Tree Surgery, expects to carry out the clearance work on 24th January and will remove the 'Keep Out' signs.

9 PARISH PLAN

Members considered the previously circulated Medium Term priority items designated for Parish Council consideration. A number of these are already in hand and the following decisions were reached regarding remaining items:

Prestwold Estate Wall. This is considered to be an eyesore and if it cannot be restored then some other form of boundary should be considered. Volunteer effort should be sought. To be taken up with the managing agents for the Estate.

Transport to Loughborough for Young People at weekends. There were some doubts as to the practicality of this and it was decided to consult with the County Council.

Footpath Lighting. *Messrs Shields and Topham declared personal interests as regards the Springfield Close footpath on grounds of proximity.* The County Council have advised the Parish Plan Secretary

John Sharpe

that, since the Barrow Road/Springfield Close footpath is a "Public Right of Way", they can provide and maintain lighting on this footpath subject to funding being found to meet the capital cost of installation. The Community Safety Partnership would be asked to consider this for funding in 2005/6. Although some reservations were expressed, it was decided to await the outcome of this.

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Safer use of the Roundabout. This is another issue designated for joint action with the Highway Authority. They indicated to the Plan Secretary back on 6th October that they were awaiting news and this will be pursued.

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Speed Restriction in Towles Fields. The County advise that a 20 mph advisory limit in the vicinity of the school is already on their list of schemes although this does not cover Towles Fields itself. It was agreed that this should be taken as part of the 'walking bus' proposals (see below).

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Definitive footpath from Sowters Lane to Barrow Road, to permit "Walking Bus" to School. It is understood that the School have been pursuing this idea. Mr Topham will check the position with the Head.

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Residents' parking only, Seymour Road. *Mr Elliott declared a personal interest as a resident of Seymour Road.* The County are to be asked what criteria they adopt in such cases.

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Charnwood Borough have commenced consultation on the Village Design Statement. It was agreed to respond that the VDS has the full backing of the Council. Responses are to be considered by Cabinet in February with further consultation in March.

10 VILLAGE HALL

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Mr Elliott advised that the VHMC has not met since the last Council meeting. Mrs Edmonds advised that a volunteer has come forward to raise and lower flags on appropriate occasions. A brick was thrown through a cloakroom window last weekend and the fence destroyed. Mr Elliott and Mr Peter Harrison will repair the outer wall where a number of bricks have come loose. It was suggested that alternative quotations for gas/electricity be sought once the latest readings are obtained and an accurate assessment of usage can be made.

11 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

There was nothing.

12 PLAYING FIELD

In Mrs Saunders' absence, there was no report.

13 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

There has been no reply as yet regarding the footpath alongside Nottingham Road.

14 FINANCE

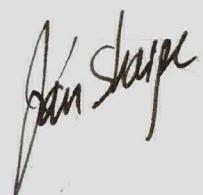
Funds at end December totalled £12,280.98. An Outturn Forecast and proposed Budget were distributed, together with options for capital expenditure in the coming year. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Shields and carried to authorise from reserves six planters (£600 estimated), replacement Notice Boards (estimated £1000, grants to be sought) and planting the lagoon frontage (£121.50, subject to comments from Severn Trent). There are insufficient funds available for a Hang Out Shelter. It was proposed Mr Shields, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried that £1000 be allocated from reserves to the Fishpond Plantation.

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the Precept for 2005/6 be £10,750 and the Precept Demand was signed accordingly.

It was proposed Mrs Spicer, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried that the contribution from the Cricket Club towards ground maintenance be raised by £15 to £325 and that there be no increase in allotment charges.

15 CHEQUES

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Shields and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:



K W Davies	salary/expenses	341.13
SLCC	subscription	82.00
Severn Trent	water	64.49)
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" "	" "	11.48)
Widdicombe Parker	Cupboards, Youth Club	1662.62

16 MISCELLANEOUS

The new **Electoral Registers** show the combined electorate up by twelve to 889. Mr Topham and the Clerk will attend the **Joint Councils meeting** at Walton tomorrow. A request from Mrs Nicky Morgan, **Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Loughborough**, to attend a meeting will be answered in the affirmative with the proviso that there will be no direct involvement in the meeting.

17 PRESS RELEASE

Once again, nothing appeared in the Loughborough Echo last month, despite the copy being sent direct to the paper. This month's topics will include latest Airfield news, Highways items (VAS signs, pedestrian crossing, Home Farm signs), the community bus to Barrow and the Precept.

18 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

These included the School travel plan (walking bus) and the lagoon planting proposals.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Cotes, held in
the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Tuesday 10th May 2005 at
7.00 p.m.**

Present:

Mr I Sharpe (Chairman)

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr J Elliott

Mrs R Saunders

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Parish Meeting, 11th May 2004, were confirmed as a true and correct record, being proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Elliott and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

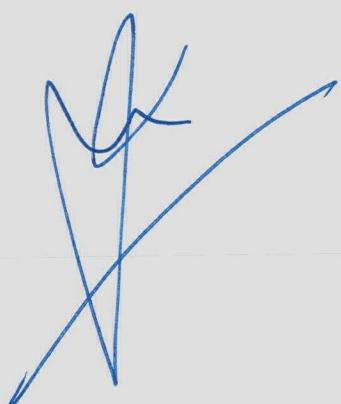
4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman distributed his Annual Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

The Meeting was closed at 7.09 p.m.



PARISH OF COTES

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 2004/2005

This has been another busy year for the Council and I hope you will agree that we have been successful in looking after the interests of residents. The direct powers of a Parish Council are limited, but we can achieve a lot by influencing the County and Borough Councils, ensuring that they listen to local concerns. We can only be successful by ensuring that our input is well researched and clearly presented and I would like to thank our Clerk, Ken Davies, for his invaluable efforts in ensuring that this is achieved.

Burton Plantation. We were delighted to join with a large body of residents and with the Charnwood Borough and Leicestershire County Councils to purchase the former Fishpond Plantation last summer. We all had to move very fast to secure this splendid woodland for posterity and it would be hard to find a better example of Parish/Borough/County Councils joining hands with the community to achieve a common goal. The Plantation is, of course, open to all our communities and we hope to see residents of Cotes making use of it.

Traffic & Highways. We have been pressing the County Council for several years for a weight restriction on Stanford Lane and this is now bearing fruit. The consultation process for a 7.5 tonne HGV weight restriction has now begun and we hope to have a firm date for introduction before too long.

Planning Matters. There have been two major issues over this last year, neither of them yet finalised.

The housing development at Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton received outline consent last June. Following vigorous representations, we were able to obtain a package of measures to ensure that substantial funds will be made available both for Burton Primary School and towards additional traffic calming measures. We have been heavily involved with both the Borough Council and the developer about the final shape of the development. Considerable progress has been made: on provision of an acceptable play area, location of affordable homes, an effective tree screen and stopping vehicle access to Brook Street. The major remaining disagreement is over three storey housing on the site, which we strongly feel to be out of character with Burton and which we shall strongly oppose when the application comes before Plans Committee shortly.

A great deal of our Council time has once again been taken up with resisting attempts to increase and expand the noisy activities on the old airfield. We have also fought against the construction of bunds on the airfield as we are convinced that any noise amelioration will be minimal, and insufficient to offset the disturbance caused by their construction. Despite having convinced various Borough Council Committees that these activities are unacceptable we are still waiting for an enforcement order to be issued. Once this notice is in place, we expect the applicant to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. We are disappointed that these battles with our neighbour continue, but clear public opposition means these proposals cannot be left unchallenged.

Financial support to local Voluntary Groups. The Parish Council continues to provide financial support to local groups, principally the Village Hall which received £2,750 towards Village Hall refurbishment, in addition to £922 towards insurance, power supply etc. £903 was given to the Playing Field Association, and the Neighbourhood Watch received assistance towards printing costs.

Environmental issues. The Parish Council works hard to ensure that the Borough and County Councils deliver a good service on street cleansing, grass cutting, road and footway repairs, footpaths, overhanging trees etc. We are pressing for Tree Preservation Orders on some of the fine old trees around Hall Drive, Burton and we shall shortly be placing floral planters at several village locations including one in Cotes. We are disappointed that, despite playing a full part in campaigning against the plans of Nottingham East Midlands Airport to introduce a new departure route directly over some of our properties, the Airport will go ahead with its plans. We regret that the consultation had no independent appraisal and was therefore of limited value.

Acknowledgements. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all my Parish Council colleagues, our Clerk Ken Davies, the members of the Parish Plan Committee and the many Borough and County Council officers who have supported us over the last year.

**Ian Sharpe
Chairman**